

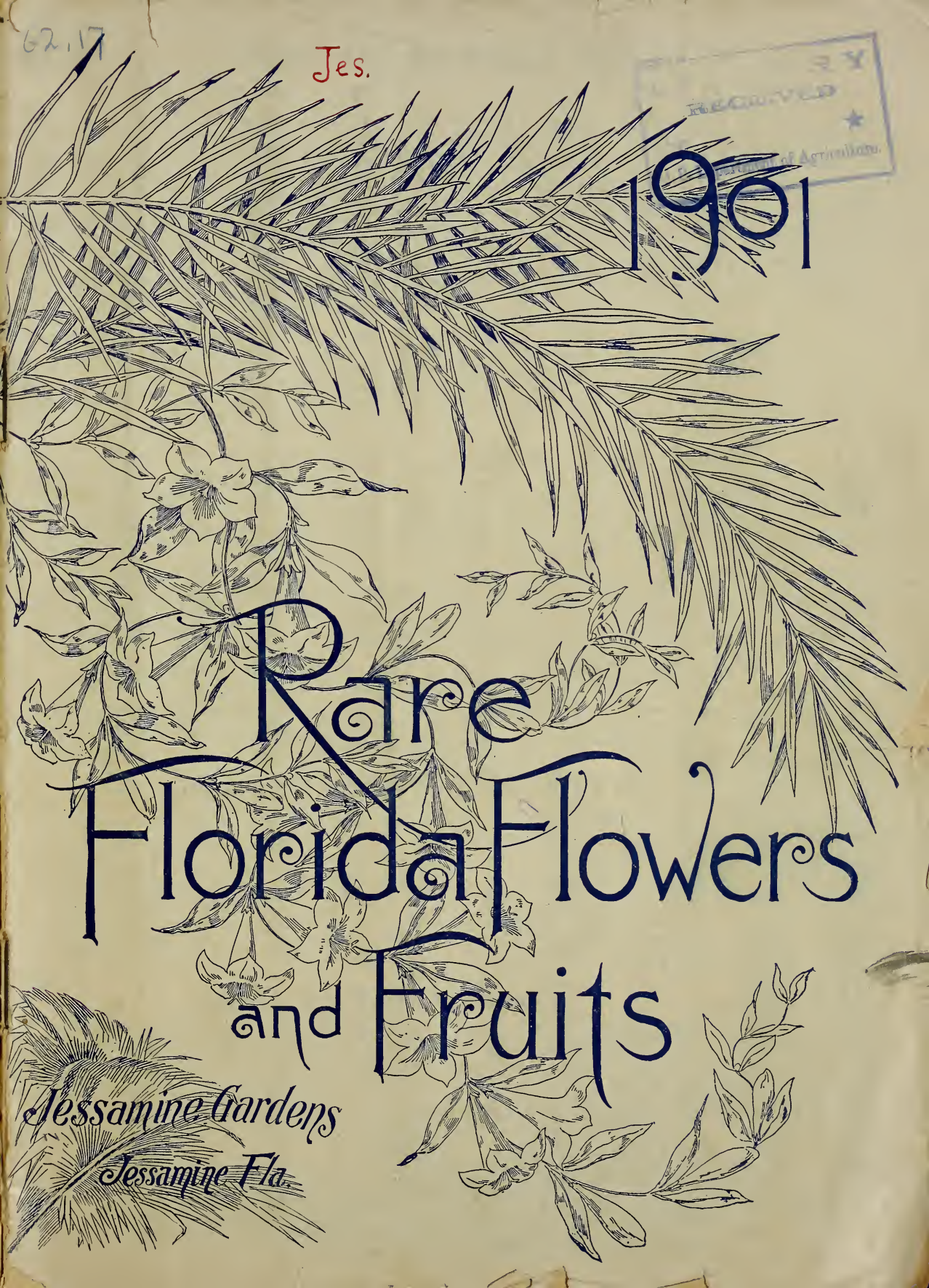
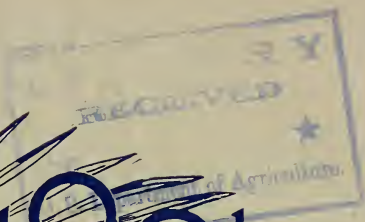
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In the Land of Flowers.

A Booklet by Walter N. Pike.

(With Portrait of the Author.)

DURING 1894 Mr. Pike contributed a series of twelve articles, under the above title, to *The Mayflower*, which elicited so many favorable comments, coupled with suggestions that the articles be issued in the form of a booklet, for general circulation, that it was done. Mr. Pike revised the original chapters and added another, containing many valuable suggestions to those who contemplate making their future homes in Florida, or investing in the State in any way. The various chapters cover a wide range of highly interesting and very fascinating subjects. There are descriptions of trips on the *St. John's*, *Ocklawaha* and *Indian Rivers*, containing vivid pen portrayals of the luxuriant vegetation lining their banks; descriptions of the rich tropical gardens of the *Ponce de Leon* and *Tampa Bay Hotels*, two of the largest and most famous hostleries in the world; an account of the marvelous and world-famed *Silver Spring* and the beautiful *Indian Legend* connected with it; a very interesting and instructive account of *Orange* and *Lemon* growing, with descriptions of several varieties of the *Citrus* family not familiar to the inhabitants of the North; and many more equally as interesting subjects are fully treated in an instructive and interesting manner. Not the least interesting is a chapter describing the mammoth proportions attained in this clime by many of the common pot plants of the North.

The booklet will prove of exceptional value to the prospective tourist or home-seeker, while to the great majority for whom there is no release from the rigors of a Northern winter, it will furnish an enchanting picture of a land "where it is Summer in the Winter-time." Many who have long been familiar with Mr. Pike's Floricultural writings have expressed a desire for his picture, and he consented to allow it to appear as a frontispiece in the booklet. It is a fine half-tone likeness from a photograph taken especially for the purpose. Price of booklet, 10 cents per copy.

"Your booklet called 'In the Land of Flowers' is received and gives us much pleasure. I have read a dozen or more books about Florida. In comparison, I find one distinguishing excellence about yours which makes it unique; that is - it is peculiarly Floridian in its literary genius. Its easy, graceful style and its buoyant spirit seem the creation of sunshine and flowers. I have, for several years, known the parts of Florida you describe, and I find the information you give to be very comprehensive and accurate. Its masterful combination of the *Esthetic* and the *Practical* makes it a classical guide-book to the State. It is, for popular use, the best book about Florida that has yet appeared."—CHARLES F. RUSSELL, N. Y.

Florida Souvenirs and Curios.

WE offer here a list of some of the most useful, interesting and curious Florida Souvenirs and Curios for the benefit of our patrons. The articles composing this list we have carefully selected, after personal inspection, as the most desirable among the long list of Souvenirs and Curios for which Florida is justly famous, and which are so eagerly purchased by the thousands of tourists who, every winter, flock to "The Land of Flowers." Many of the articles here offered are especially appropriate for birthday gifts, party favors, holiday presents, etc., and their value to the recipients will be vastly enhanced on account of their associations with the land where it is always summer.

Alligator Tooth Jewelry.

This very unique and popular jewelry is made from highly polished alligator teeth set in rolled gold, and produces a very pleasing effect.

Double Tooth Breast or Lace Pin..... 50c.
Gent's Scarf Pin, very pleasing 30c.

Fish Scale Jewelry.

This must be seen to be appreciated, as no pen can convey any adequate idea of its fairy-like beauty; its frosty whiteness and silvery sheen rivaling the famous Mexican filigree silver work. Particularly fine for evening wear.

Breast or Lace Pin..... 30c
Orange Blossom Scarf Pin 20c
Pansy Scarf Pin..... 20c

Shell Napkin Ring.

This is cut out of a curiously-formed and beautifully-tinted sea-shell, making a most unique ring. The shell is of a beautiful pearl color, clouded or marbled with deep green. Very nice for souvenirs, birthdays, favors, etc. Price, either plain or painted ("Souvenir of Florida"), 30c. each.

Jessamine Perfume.

The fragrance of the *Jessamine* is famous the world over, and as it is the flower after which our nurseries are named, it is but fitting that we offer its distilled sweetness to our patrons. It is prepared especially for us and we consider it the most exquisite and lasting perfume made. 20c. per quarter oz.; 30c. per half oz.; or 50c. per oz. bottle.

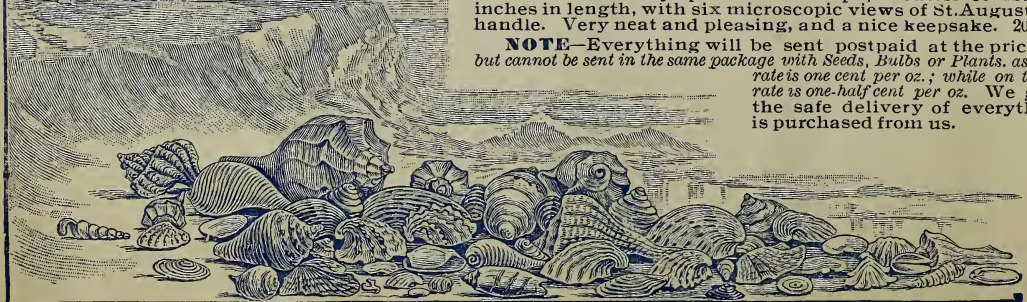
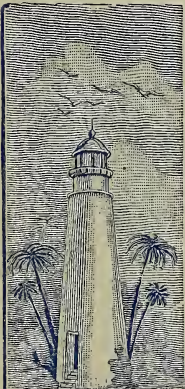
Beautiful Shells from the Gulf of Mexico.

There probably are no curios so popular with the majority as these "gems of the ocean's bed." Everybody admires sea shells, and no cabinet collection of curios or "specimens" is complete without at least a few. Shells from the Gulf of Mexico are justly noted for their great beauty and variety of forms, and we offer them in collections at prices so low that everyone can possess a nice assortment. We have collected them from the Egmont Key, an island on the Gulf coast of South Florida, beneath the shadow of the great Egmont Lighthouse. It is not generally known that there lie buried on Egmont Key about one hundred Union soldiers of the civil war, yet this is a fact, and an almost impenetrable thicket has grown up over the spot. This historic fact adds to the interest and value of the shells as souvenirs. A very wide variation is embraced in the forms, sizes, coloring, etc., of these shells, including all those shown in the cut and many others. Some appear as if highly polished or enameled, while others look as though chiseled out of purest marble. The collections we offer are of assorted shapes, sizes and colors, and specially selected for cabinets, brackets, mantels, etc. We send them postpaid at the following very low prices: 6 for 20c.; 15 for 40c.; 25 for 60c.; 50 for \$1.00.

Penholder and Paper-Cutter.

This is an ivory penholder and paper-cutter combined, nine inches in length, with six microscopic views of St. Augustine in the handle. Very neat and pleasing, and a nice keepsake. 20c. each.

NOTE—Everything will be sent postpaid at the prices quoted, but cannot be sent in the same package with Seeds, Bulbs or Plants, as the postage rate is one cent per oz.; while on the latter the rate is one-half cent per oz. We guarantee the safe delivery of everything that is purchased from us.



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WITH the beginning of the first year of the New Century we issue this, our *Thirteenth Annual Catalogue*, in which will be found classified, described and illustrated, a great variety of the finest and rarest Seeds, Plants and Bulbs. To our customers of the past we need no introduction; to all others we would simply say: Our life object is, to put the finest and rarest plants within the reach of the most humble lover and cultivator of flowers, and our business motto: *The best quality of stock at the lowest prices which will admit of a fair profit.*

Please Read the Following Special Instructions:

DO NOT order anything not offered in this Catalogue.

BE SURE and write your Name, Post-office, County and State plainly, and state whether your order is to be forwarded by Mail or Express.

ALWAYS KEEP a copy of the order, so you will know what you ordered. Patrons sometimes forget what they ordered, and complain unjustly.

WE CANNOT fill any plant order amounting to less than 25 cents, or seed order amounting to less than 10 cents. *It takes as much time and material to fill a 10-cent order as it does a 25-cent order.*

ANY ONE adding 10 cents to his order can have it packed in a liberal quantity of *Spanish Moss*, which is so beautiful for decorative purposes. Everybody is delighted with it. Besides, plants or bulbs packed in it are doubly safe, and evaporation is reduced to a minimum. *(See description on page 2.)*

BY MAIL we send everything postage paid, at the prices quoted, to any part of the United States and Canada, and **GUARANTEE** their **SAFE** arrival. Once in a great while a letter fails to reach us, or the package we send gets lost in the mail. When this occurs, the sender, after waiting a reasonable length of time, should notify us of the fact, *enclosing a duplicate order and stating how money was sent*, and the matter will receive our immediate attention.

BY EXPRESS—Goods ordered by express are sent at buyer's expense, but in many cases rather larger plants can be supplied in this way at mail prices, and extras are included to help defray the transportation charges.

BY FREIGHT we do not prepay charges, and do not consider it advisable to forward perishable plants by that means to any distance. Freight service is to some extent uncertain, and there are often delays which would ruin a shipment of plants. We do not guarantee safe arrival of freight shipments.

WE GUARANTEE the safe arrival of everything ordered sent by mail or express, but *immediate* notice must be given us of arrival of anything in bad order.

MONEY MAY BE SENT at our risk only by Money Order, Registered Letter, Draft on New York, and Express Money Order. *Do not* send private checks in payment of bills. Banks now charge 10c. to 25c. for collecting same. As Money Orders are now sold at almost all Post-offices, there are very few people not within reach of this convenient and secure method of sending money. *Be sure to have all Money Orders drawn payable at Jessamine, Florida.*

DO NOT SEND STAMPS in payment for goods, if it can possibly be avoided, as we cannot dispose of them except at a considerable discount. Where money cannot be sent by any of the above methods, use paper money, or silver sewed or pasted up in strong paper or cloth, register the letter, and if your order amounts to 75 cents or more, deduct the registry fee (8 cents) from it.

SPECIAL NOTICE—On arrival of a parcel of plants, unpack carefully, taking care to see that nothing is overlooked, and at once check with your copy of the order. If any of the plants appear wilted set the parcel in lukewarm water for a short time, which will revive the foliage. After potted, do not at once set the plants in the sun; keep in mind the fact that they have been in the dark and must again become used to the light. Remember that most plants grown in the dry air of living-rooms will be benefitted by frequent spraying of the foliage.

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Those sending us 2.00 may select to the amount of.. 2.20	Those sending us 5.00 may select to the amount of.. 5.75
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GIANT CIGAR PLANT.

spike of flowers, varying in number from 6 to 12 inches in length and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, in color a rich scarlet tipped with bright yellow. When cut and placed in water, the spikes remain fresh and blooming for 2 weeks. Equally adapted for pot culture or summer bedding, and sure to give great satisfaction. Price, 20c. each.

Spanish Moss.

The long, graceful silver-gray festoons of this beautiful *Air Plant*—erroneously called a moss—hang like long streamers from the limbs of the trees, producing an indescribably beautiful effect as it waves back and forth in every passing breeze. In the North it can be used with the most charming effect for draping over picture frames and rustic work, in living-rooms, and for decorating Christmas trees and booths at church fairs, etc. It remains fresh and beautiful for months, and if occasionally taken down and thoroughly wet will remain fresh and growing for an indefinite period. The longest and most perfect strands, 20c. per pound. (To Canada, price 30c. per pound.)

Anyone adding 10 cents to his order for plants or bulbs can have it packed in a liberal quantity of Spanish Moss. Everybody is delighted with it. See offer on first page.



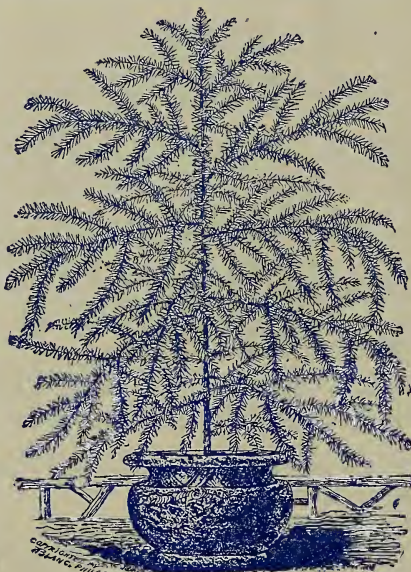
CAREX JAPONICA.

Japanese Cedar, or Sugi.

In this rarely beautiful and unique Japanese evergreen (*Cryptomeria Japonica*) we have a most dainty and handsome jardiniere plant for general cultivation—a plant as beautiful as and more graceful than the rare and expensive *Araucaria Excelsa* (for which indeed it is often mistaken), but which has the happy faculty of successfully withstanding the trying atmosphere of living-rooms, a quality in which the tender *Araucaria* is woefully lacking. It is the only plant at present known that is a perfect substitute for the *Araucaria* in appearance, and which can be grown with perfect success in any living-room. Of a beautiful dark-green color and decidedly novel appearance it is as decorative as a *Palm* in any situation, and sure to attract instant attention. Nice plants, 20c. each; larger, from 4-inch pots, for immediate effect, 50c. each, postpaid.

Giant Cigar Plant.

Cuphea Eminens—The cut does no justice to this beautiful but almost unknown plant. In beauty and appearance its flowers rival those of the *Manettia Bicolor*, while the plant grows with the freedom of a weed and blooms constantly—spring, summer, fall and winter. Each stem is surmounted by a



JAPANESE CEDAR, OR SUGI.

Carex Japonica.

A beautiful Japanese grass of most graceful fountain-like habit, especially beautiful for table decoration, etc. There is no hint of stiffness—to the contrary, it is a picture of grace and motion, and is a real acquisition. Price, 15c. each.

Butterfly Orchid.

This exceedingly beautiful Florida Orchid (*Epidendrum Venosum*) is very hardy, standing quite severe frosts, and will thrive anywhere that a *Geranium* will. All it requires is to be fastened onto a rough block of wood or bark and be dipped into water frequently. The plant is composed of a mass of green bulbs and stiff, thick, waxy leaves. In summer it produces long spikes of showy flowers, an inch or more in diameter, of beautiful shades of pink and greenish-chocolate color, changing with age to rich yellow and chocolate. May be grown in pots of peat, moss and charcoal mixed, as well as on wood. Nice plants, 15c. each; or nicely blocked and ready to hang up, as shown in the illustration, 35c. each. Very fine, large clumps (unblocked), 30c. each. Anyone can block them.



AGERATUM PRINCESS PAULINE.

Ageratum Princess Pauline.

A new and most distinct and novel variety of dwarf compact habit, rarely exceeding 5 inches in height. A peculiarity of this sort is that both colors, blue and white, are combined in the same flower; the body of the flower being white, while the stamens are of a light sky-blue, giving the flower a very pretty variegated appearance. A very profuse bloomer. Price, 10c. each.

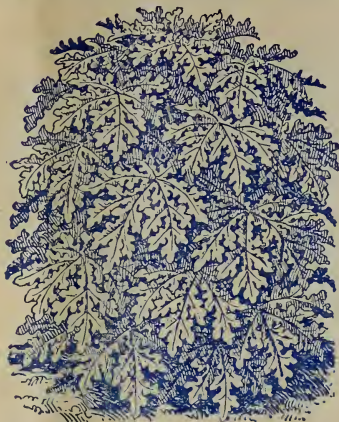
Pineapple Air Plant.

(*Tillandsia Utriculata*.)

Bears a striking resemblance to a *Pineapple* plant, minus the fruit. In full-grown specimens the leaves are 2 inches or more wide, 2 or 3 feet long, and beautifully recurved. Grows on a block or limb the same as an *Orchid*. Pour water in it frequently. Makes a most unique hanging plant. 15c. each; extra large and fine, 25c. each.



BUTTERFLY ORCHID.



MELON PAPAW.

and grown on in pots until time be careful not to bruise either the roots or stems. We send out the plants with the ball of earth about the roots intact. Several plants can be grown from a single packet of the seed, and with them a wonderful tropical effect obtained in the garden or on the lawn. Produces flowers in long racemes, which are pale yellow, wax-like and exquisitely fragrant. Price of fresh seeds, 10c. per pkt. Price of plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Hibiscus.

Southern Beauty—In the open ground will grow to the height of 8 or 10 feet, if allowed to do so; but it is better to keep it pinched back to a height of 4 or 5 feet. Every limb and twig is clothed with deeply 5-cleft leaves, the segments toothed and crimson-margined. In late summer and fall (until checked by frosts) it covers itself with extremely handsome and very striking flowers, in color deep crimson, shading deeper in the throat, which is almost black and velvety. As a pot plant it commences to bloom while very small, and we have had them in thumb-pots carrying flowers larger than the plants themselves. Nice plants, 15c. each.



SOUTHERN BEAUTY HIBISCUS.

Asparagus.

Sprengeri—This is one of the most distinct of all the indoor species of *Asparagus*. Its plume-like growths, of a fresh, light or apple-green hue, are thrown up in a free manner to a length of 3, 4 or even 8 or 10 feet, drooping gracefully and naturally from pot or hanging basket. It remains fresh and fair all the year round, and in water it will remain fresh for 6 weeks after cutting, and we have had it remain fresh on the walls perfectly dry for 2 weeks. It succeeds perfectly as a house plant and everybody should grow it. Nice plants, only 15c. each; larger and very fine, 30c. For other Ornamental Asparagus, see page 30.



ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

CUT ON THIS LINE.



COSMOS KLONDYKE.

Cosmos.

Klondyke—New and entirely distinct in every way, having rich, brilliant orange-yellow flowers and beautifully cut *Chrysanthemum*-like foliage, with many petioles and midribs of a rhubarb-red hue to the front. The plants grow very large and bushy, and in fall are completely covered from top to base with innumerable rich, orange-yellow flowers $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches across, producing the most brilliant effect imaginable. Lift and pot before frost and it will be a blaze of flowers until the holidays, rivaling the *Chrysanthemums* in beauty and brilliancy. Or may be grown in pots from the start, and the plants kept much more dwarf. Seeds, per pkt. 10c.

Agapanthus.

(Lily of the Palace.)

Blue Agapanthus—Flowers a lovely sky-blue color. One of the grandest pot plants in cultivation. Fine plants, 20c. each.

White Agapanthus—Just like the *Blue* in every respect except the color of the flowers, which is pure white. 25c. each.



AGAPANTHUS OR LILY OF THE PALACE.

NOTICE.

Cocos Weddelliana.

SEE REVERSE SIDE.

If your order amounts to \$2.00, return this Check for FREE Plant of Palm

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of Phrynium Variegatum.

SEE REVERSE SIDE.

If your order amounts to \$1.00, return this Check for FREE Tuber or Plant

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of the Cabbage Palm.

SEE REVERSE SIDE

If your order amounts to 50c., return this Check for FREE Packet of Seed



QUEEN LILY.

Queen Lily.

A species of *Curcuma*. Sends up numerous broad-bladed, rich green leaves which are broadly veined and beautifully arched, and a torch-shaped flower-head consisting of numerous large bracts, which are pure white, beautifully tipped and tinted with pink, and last in perfection a full month. Just under these bracts the true flowers appear, yellow (sometimes white or pink) in color, and looking something like little birds with raised wings. A fine pot plant, or may be grown in the garden in partial shade. In winter store pot of dry soil and tubers in a warm closet or cellar. Hardy in the latitude of New Orleans. Fine tubers, only 10c. each.

"SHELL LILY"
(ALPINIA NUTANS)

Butterfly Lily.

The *Hedychium Coronarium* of the East Indies. The cut conveys but a slight idea of the chaste beauty of the large, snow-white and exquisitely fragrant flowers looking almost like a bevy of large, white butterflies hovering over the plant. Both plant and root are *Canna*-like, the shoots attaining a height of from 2 to 5 feet and surmounted by large terminal clusters of the beautiful flowers. It cannot be given too rich a soil or too much heat and moisture when growing. As a pot or tub plant it is truly magnificent. Frequent applications of liquid manure are beneficial, and also keeping the pot standing in water 2 or 3 inches deep. Fine roots, only 10c. each.



BUTTERFLY LILY.

Climbing Lily.

The *Gloriosa Superba*. A very rare and extremely showy plant of the *Lily* family, sub-climbing in habit and requiring a light trellis for support. Under favorable circumstances it will attain a height of 6 to 8 feet and bloom profusely the entire summer. Flowers axillary in racemes at the ends of the stems, which bear leaves remarkable in having tendrillike apices. The flowers bear as close a resemblance to *Lilium Philadelphicum* as to almost any other form, are curiously shaped, the petals narrow, turned back and up, erect, deeply undulate, and of a rich orange and red color. Should be grown in a pot of light sandy soil, with good drainage, giving plenty of heat and moisture in summer. As the growth ripens in fall, water should be gradually withheld and during winter the soil must be kept quite dry and the pots in a warm place (a closet for instance). Exposure to cold when at rest is a point specially to be avoided. Tubers, 25c. each.



GLORIOSA SUPERBA.

Shell Lily.

Sends up arching stems clothed with delightfully aromatic rich green leaves, and terminated by racemes often 2 feet long of brilliant *Orchid*-like flowers, each shaped like an exquisite crinkled shell and in colors yellow, orange and white delicately combined and strikingly contrasted. Almost as ornamental as the finest *Palm*, and will grow to perfection for anybody. Price, 15c. each.

Phrynium.

Variegatum—A most elegant plant for either pot culture or the open ground in summer. The shoots grow from a foot or 18 inches to 3 feet high, and the leaves are from 6 to 10 inches long and 2 to 5 inches broad. They are bright pale green, beautifully variegated with pure white and rich cream, the variegations being extremely diversified; indeed, it is almost impossible to find two leaves exactly alike. In some leaves the whole area is pure white or rich cream color, in others only one-third or one-half, while in others it is reduced to a few stripes or faint lines—and all these variegations in one plant. It is a grand plant to border *Canna* and other beds with. Tubers may be wintered dry like *Gladiolus*, etc. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.30.



PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.

CHECK.

Good for a FREE packet of seed of the Cabbage Palm (see page 13) if your order amounts to 50c. Return Check with order.

CHECK.

Good for a FREE Tuber or Plant of *Phrynium Variegatum* if your order amounts to \$1.00. Return Check with order.

CHECK.

Good for a FREE plant (50c. size) of *Palm Cocos Weddelliana* (see page 12) if your order amounts to \$2.00. Return Check with order.

Chenille Plant.

(*Acalypha Sanderi*, or *Hispida*.)

A most remarkable plant. Out of the axil of every leaf grows a spike of blossom glowing crimson-scarlet in color, 20 to 30 inches long, as large around as a person's finger, and looks exactly like a long piece of crimson-scarlet chenille cord. They last for weeks before fading, and before they fall off, from 1 to 2 or 3 other spikes have started out in the same leaf-axil, and it is thus always in bloom from January to December. It is the most showy pot plant imaginable and also fine for outdoor planting in summer. Fine plants only 15c. each.

Sky Rocket.

(*Clerodendron Siphonanthus*.)

This is a most striking and distinct plant. Its fleshy root is perennial, but its stems are renewed annually. These stems grow to a height of 10 or 12 feet in the open ground here in Florida, but under pot culture they grow only 3 or 4 feet. They are clothed from the ground up with long, pointed leaves in whorls of four, overlapping each other like shingles and hiding the stems completely. Each stem is surmounted by a large panicle of creamy-white flowers with very slender, slightly curved tubes from 4 to 5 inches in length. After the flowers fall, the calyxes turn to a deep dark-red, and the fleshy seeds are greenish-purple. These seed-heads are highly ornamental, last perfect on the plant for weeks, and are so large and heavy that the stems bend and sway beneath their weight. Grows as freely and easily as a weed, either from the root or from seed. Price, 15c. each. Seed, per pkt., 10c.



CHENILLE PLANT.



SKY ROCKET.

Talinum Patens Var.

A most beautiful succulent, but shrubby dwarf plant, not over 18 inches in ultimate height. Leaves thick and fleshy, splendidly variegated with creamy white, edged with pink and blotched with gray and emerald green. Bears queer little pink and yellow flowers. Of easiest culture and equally adapted for pots or bedding out in summer. Price, 15c. each.



TALINUM PATENS VAR.

Russelia Elegantissima.

This is a new hybrid which is a great improvement on the old *Russelia Juncea*, or *Coral Plant*. It is of a drooping nature, forming a mass of long, slender, rush-like stems which are covered with a shower of brilliant scarlet tubular flowers, forming a perfect fountain of green and crimson. The plants begin flowering while very small and make a succession of new growths, each stronger and more floriferous. Particularly fine for vases, hanging-baskets, etc., and as easy to grow as a *Coleus* or *Geranium*. Price, 15c. each.



Strobilanthes Dyerianus.

A very beautiful foliage plant which surpasses the finest *Coleus* in the exquisite coloring of the leaves. Forms a compact plant, 18 inches high, with smooth leaves 6 to 9 inches long and 3 to 4 inches wide. The undulation on the surface of the foliage is furnished with a bluish metallic hue, shading into bright rosy-purple in the center, with light green or grayish-green edges. Produces terminal erect flower spikes 6 inches long, and at a time—in mid-winter—when they will be most appreciated. It is just as easy to grow as *Coleus* and bedded out in the hottest sunshine thrives to perfection and colors up grandly. Pleases everybody. Nice plants, only 15c. each.

GYNURA, OR VELVET PLANT.

Velvet Plant.

(*Gynura Aurantiaca*.)

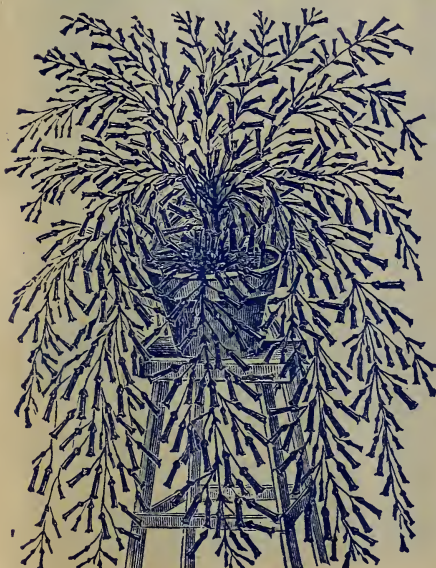
A plant of the greatest beauty and just as easy to grow as a *Coleus*. No other name would be so appropriate as *Velvet Plant*, for so close is the resemblance that on first sight the plant is almost invariably taken to be artificial. Its stems and leaves are entirely covered with glistening purple hairs, and to the touch are as soft and downy as a piece of rich velvet. They shine and glisten and reflect many shades of color, every time the plant is moved the color of the foliage seeming to change. 15c.

Tradescantia Discolor.

Upright-growing, like the *Agaves*, reaching a height of from 12 to 18 inches; leaves sword-shaped, stiff and fleshy, rich green above and bright purple beneath, the two colors forming a beautiful contrast. 15c. each; larger, 25c. each; much larger and very fine, 35c. each.



STROBILANTHES DYERIANUS.



RUSSELLIA ELEGANTISSIMA.

Sansevieria or Zebra Plant.

If a plant is wanted to grow anywhere, in or out of the sun, to stand drought, dust and heat, and always look fresh and healthy, order one of these *Sansevierias*. They are beautiful plants, splendidly adapted for the decoration of rooms and halls, for the centers of vases, baskets, etc., as they stand all manner of abuse (except freezing and over-watering) with impunity, even preserving their cheerful look when you have forgotten to water them for a month.

S. Zealanica—Zebra Plant—This is also known by some as *Alligator Lily*. Leaves grow to a length of 3 to 4 feet, and are beautifully striped and variegated crosswise with white on a very dark green ground. Native of India, where it is known as *Murra*. 15c. each.

S. Guineensis—African Bow-String Hemp—Very ornamental, and a fine companion plant for the above. Its long, straight, sword-shaped leaves, growing from 3 to 6 feet long, and from 2 to 3 inches broad, are beautifully mottled gray and edged with brown. Native of Africa. 15c. each.

Farfugium Grande.

This is popularly known as *Leopard Plant* and is much handsomer than the cut indicates. Its round, leathery, deep shiny green leaves are covered with distinct golden-yellow spots ranging from the size of a pin-head to as large as a cent, producing a most striking and beautiful effect. Is very hardy and as easy to grow as a *Geranium*. Price, 25c. each; larger, very fine plants, 50c. each.

New Giant Browallia.

(*Browallia Speciosa Major*.)

If the young plants are frequently pinched they will grow in nice bushy form—much prettier than in the cut—or if let alone the branches will trail over the sides of the pot, forming a very pleasing effect. Tiny cuttings begin to bud and bloom as soon as rooted and potted up, and from then on are never out of flower. A plant under our observation has not been without flowers in 2 years. The flowers measure from 1½ to 2 inches in diameter, and vary in color from a light blue to a deep violet-blue, with an almost white eye. It is just as easy to grow as a *Geranium*, and its color—blue—rare among house plants. Does equally well as a winter-bloomer in the house, or a summer-bloomer in the garden. Nice little plants ready for immediate flowering, only 15c. each.

Sanchezia Nobilis Glauca.

A magnificent foliage plant from Ecuador. Leaves grow a foot in length, of a glaucous green, handsomely veined and marked with bright yellow and white. Flowers yellow with bright red bracts. A beautiful pot plant and also does finely bedded out in the full sun. Price, 20c. each.

Ruellia Makoyana.

A new Brazilian plant of easiest culture for the house or bedding out in summer. Leaves velvety, dark olive-green, with prominent silvery-white midrib and veins, underside purplish wine color. Flowers large, brilliant carmine, produced even on plants in 2-inch pots, and almost the year around. Specimens have been exhibited that were 2 to 3 feet across, carrying over 300 open flowers. Price, 15c. each.

Ruellia (Stephanophysum) Longiflorum—A splendid plant for pot culture coming into full flower in 2 months from the cutting and throughout the dull months of winter being covered with bright red blossoms. Also fine for bedding out, as it is practically an ever-bloomer. A real gem. Price, 15c. each.

For other *Ruellias* see page 28.

Campylobotrys Regalis.

A Mexican pot-shrub growing about 1 foot in height, with foliage of a rich, shining dark-green above and reddish-purple beneath. The leaves have a satiny lustre and the plant is one of rare beauty. Price, 20c. each.

Scutellaria Mociniana.

Another Mexican pot-shrub and a magnificent plant. Grows about 18 inches high and in spring and summer almost every shoot will bear a terminal spike of bright, showy, scarlet flowers, each 1½ inches long, the inside of the lip yellow and the tube clothed with short, fine hairs. Price, 20c. each.

Scutellaria Putschella—A plant of the easiest culture and a most desirable winter bloomer, at which time it produces profusely its terminal spikes of beautiful rosy purple flowers. Price, 20c. each.

Bamboos.

These are becoming very popular for pot culture owing to the ease with which they may be grown and their very distinctive and ornamental appearance. They are as decorative as *Palms* and as easy to grow as weeds, long-lived and constantly improving with age, and proof against the dust, gas and fluctuating temperature of living-rooms.

Bambusa Aurea—Stems yellow and leaves light-green. Very choice and beautiful. Price, 30c. each.

Bambusa Metake—Leaves broad, thick and very strong. Distinct and highly ornamental. Price, 20c. each.



FARFUGIUM GRANDE.



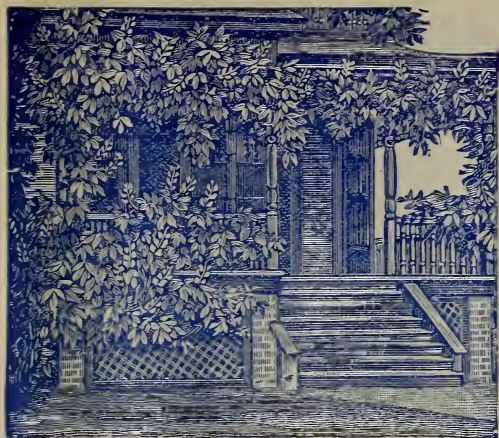
NEW GIANT BROWALLIA.



SANSEVIERIA.



RUELLIA MAKOYANA.



THE KUDZU VINE.

The Kudzu Vine.

(*Pueraria [Dolichos Japonicus] Thunbergiana.*)

This Japanese climber is the most rapid growing vine known, *sometimes 13 inches in one day*. It has a tuberous root, which is perfectly hardy everywhere, and in spring sends up vigorous shoots which will quickly shade an entire piazza front, and clamber to the top of the house if allowed to. It was first brought to Philadelphia at the time of the Centennial, by the Japanese who planted it in their department of the Exposition to produce the quickest possible effect. Its foliage is very luxuriant—much like immense *Bean* leaves—and its rose-colored or purple and fragrant flowers are produced in large clusters. For covering porches, arbors, fences, stumps, dead trees, etc., with a luxuriant curtain of foliage and in the shortest possible space of time, there is no climber that can equal it. Price, only 15c. each.



Weeping Lantana.

This is in reality the old but rare *Lantana Delicatissima*, being reintroduced at the North as a new weeping variety. However, it is one of the very best, and should be grown by everybody. Fine for baskets, vases, pots or window boxes, also for training on trellises. Produces a great abundance of delicate, drooping, leafy vines, covered nearly all the time with large clusters of lovely lilac flowers with white eye. The color is an exquisite shade which never fails to win the admiration of the ladies. Tiny plants in thumb pots bloom beautifully and constantly. Only 10c. each; 6 for only 50c.

Trailing Begonia.

(*Cissus Discolor.*)

This is not a species of *Begonia*, but is called *Trailing Begonia* from the coloring and marking of its leaves. It is undoubtedly the most beautiful leaved climbing plant in cultivation; in fact no known plant can exceed its rare beauty in the matter of foliage. The leaves are long, heart-shaped and as richly colored as the finest *Begonia Rex*. The midrib and slightly toothed edges are red, while the rest of the upper surface is silver and bronze-green—the latter very dark along the crimson midrib, and looks like bronze-green velvet. The under sides of the leaves, the leaf-stems, and the young vine-stems are transparent wine-red. It will cover a trellis *completely* all over, the elegant leaves overlapping each other like shingles. It is a very easy plant to manage, but the warmer it is kept and the more sun it gets the richer the coloring will be. Where sufficient heat cannot be given it during winter, its leaves will ripen and gradually fall off and the vine remain in a dormant condition until spring, when it will start into growth at every joint and make a magnificent display all the summer and fall. Price, 25c. each.



TRAILING BEGONIA.

Rosa de Montana.

(*Antigonon leptopus.*)

A splendid tuberous climbing plant of Central Mexico, described by its discoverer as one of the most beautiful climbers he had ever beheld. Its beautiful rose-colored flowers are produced in racemes 2 feet long, and in such profusion as to give the resemblance of Roses at a distance; hence one of the Mexican names is *Rosa de Montana*, or *Mountain Rose*. In the North it should be wintered in the house or cellar, but in the South it is perfectly hardy, thriving wonderfully, and should be found in every yard. Will probably prove hardy much farther North if planted deep and heavily mulched over winter. It is especially fine for piazza screens and trellises. Price of strong roots, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



ROSA DE MONTANA, OR ANTIGONON LEPTOPUS.

Edible Oranges and Lemons Budded and Dwarfed.

Full Printed Cultural Directions Sent with Every Order for Oranges or Lemons.



ORANGE ON TRIFOLIATA STOCK.

the dark foliage like burnished gold. The whole fruit rind and all is eaten, and people become extremely fond of them. The rind is sweet and the pulp agreeably acid, making a piquant combination. They are also delicious preserved and crystalized. The plants begin to bear just as soon as they have wood enough to hold fruit; and are loaded with fruit and flowers every year. We have had little bushes only 20 inches high carrying upward of 100 oranges. We have put in dormant buds in the fall that started growth the following March, bloomed and set fruit in June, which ripened in the fall—only one year from the time the buds were inserted! A small tree, not more than 6 feet high and 5 feet through, bore over 2,000 fruits, and this is by no means an extraordinary yield for this sort. The branches are slender, without thorns, the leaves narrow and oval, and the plant assumes a fine shape. As a pot plant it will create a sensation wherever grown. Price, 40c each.

Buttercourt Orange—Of the large-fruited Oranges, this is the most wonderful as regards productiveness, and is of the finest quality, tender, fine-grained, piquant, and almost seedless. Loads itself with masses of fruit, which must be thinned out, or they will bear themselves to death. Blooms several times a year. Price, 40c each.

Mandarin Orange (Willow-leaved)—One of the dainty and elegant "Kid Glove" Oranges, so-called because the skin and sections part so readily that they may be eaten without removing one's gloves. Fruit small and flattened, yellow, spicy and very delicious. Elegant for pots. Price, 40c each.



fruit. Last week we had them at our church at a Christmas entertainment, and they were admired by all."—IDA V. BURKHART, PA.
 "My Orange tree which I ordered a year ago is full of buds and blossoms. I have picked off 25 buds, and must many more."—GRACE M. POTTER, R. I.

The large-fruited and large-growing Oranges and Lemons, budded on the *Trifoliata* Orange, dwarfs them into lovely little bushes for pots or tubs; but they will be just as fruitful and floriferous, and bear just as large and fine flavored fruit as the big trees here in Florida. These miniature trees loaded with full-sized fruits are exceedingly ornamental. They also begin blooming at a very early age. In fact, these dwarf trees begin to bloom when no larger than a *Geranium*; and plants only 15 inches high have produced at one time 150 buds and blossoms. But care must be taken or these little plants will kill themselves bearing. All the fruits except 2 or 3 should be picked off until the trees are 3 years old. They will thrive and fruit indefinitely—nobody knows how long, for there are pot-grown specimens in Europe 300 years old. May be wintered in the cellar if desired, or kept up for flowering in February and March. All who want flowers and fruit should grow only budded stock, as seedling trees will not flower before they are several years old.

Kumquat or Kin-Kan Orange—This unique and wonderfully beautiful Orange is a native of Japan, where it is known as *Kin-Kan*, which means *Gold Orange*; its other name—*Kumquat*—being Chinese for the same meaning. It bears in the most marvelous profusion little miniature oranges, no larger than a damson plum, of a rich golden color and glittering amid



LEMON ON TRIFOLIATA STOCK.

Satsuma Orange—One of the hardiest—budded on *Trifoliata* stock 20° above zero does not injure it—and the earliest ripening Orange. Fruit matures from September to November. Belongs to the "Kid Glove" class, but is entirely distinct from the *Mandarin*; is very productive and of the very highest quality and desirability. Price, 40c each.

Trifoliata Orange—For an illustration and description of this hardy Japanese Orange, see page 27.

Lemons—These dwarfed Lemons make the finest of house plants, begin to bear almost at once and produce fruit and flowers in great profusion. Flowers white, tinged with pink; very fragrant. Everybody should have a Lemon tree. We have the finest varieties. Price, 40c each.

Note—We will send full printed cultural directions with every order for Oranges or Lemons.

"The little Lemon tree which I received from you has 3 little lemons on it.—MRS. C. A. SMYTH, Texas.

"The budded Orange I ordered from you two years ago has 7 large and very juicy oranges on it. In March the tree was just covered with white and sweet blossoms. I never did eat an orange equal to these—so sweet and good."—ANTON KANZ, Texas.

Otaheite Orange.

(Fruit Ornamental, not Edible.)

This wonderful Orange is a regular natural little dwarf, growing no larger than a good specimen *Geranium*, and equally easy to manage. Incredible as it may seem, it has produced flowers and ripened its fruits perfectly in a 2-inch pot. Its beautiful blossoms are produced in the greatest abundance, are as fine and large as other Orange flowers, and possess the same delicious fragrance. The fruits are about half the size of ordinary oranges, but of an insipid flavor. It is not unusual for the plant to produce a full crop of its exquisite flowers while yet full of its pretty fruits. It is a plant of remarkable beauty, and has received unstinted praise from every quarter. Fine mailing plants, large enough to bloom, 15c each; 3 for 40c.

"I am so well pleased with the 3 Otaheite Oranges I ordered from you two years ago, I thought I would tell you that last March and April they were all white with bloom, and now they are all covered with golden



KUMQUAT ON KIN-KAN ORANGE.

Fancy-Leaved Caladiums.

AMONG ornamental foliage plants there are none more beautiful in design or gorgeous in coloring than the *Fancy-leaved Caladiums*. They are simply wonderful in the colorings and markings of the leaves, embracing every degree and shade that can be formed of pure white, deep green and intense crimson. Some idea of the manner of these variegations may be formed from our cut. Of special value for pot culture and for window and piazza boxes. When the foliage dies down in the fall, let the soil go dry, then set them away in a warm, dry, frost-proof closet, without disturbing the tubers. In the spring turn them out and re-pot in fresh, sandy soil. Or first, they may be quickly and easily sprouted in damp moss set in a warm situation. Most of the varieties planted about June 1st in partially shaded borders succeed admirably as bedding plants.

Annibal—Stems ebony; leaves, light green; ground shaded dark green; brilliant crimson ribs and nerves; ribs bordered crimson. 20c. each.

Beethoven—Uniform green ground thickly speckled and spotted with white; midrib white or with faint pink line. 15c. each.

Boildeau—Body of leaf medium green with delicate veining of scarlet; center of leaf and ribs deep rich scarlet. 15c. each.

Christiana Ottonii—Leaves white suffused with green and splashed crimson. Lovely. 15c. each.

Duc de Rativor—Dark green ground more or less mottled and suffused white; ribs and veins dull crimson. 15c. each.

Duchartrii—Body of leaf rose-pink, profusely veined and traced with sea-green veinings and more or less splashed crimson; very effective; ribs lustrous green and leaf margined with a narrow band of green. 15c. each.

Ed. Moreau—Ribs rich glossy crimson; center of leaf darker crimson; body of leaf rich deep green, profusely spotted with irregularly-shaped white blotches changing to rose-pink. 15c.

E. G. Henderson—Green ground thickly splashed and spotted crimson; ribs pink bordered gray and scarlet. 15c. each.

Emile Verdier—Gray-green ground; ribs pale green; center dull red changing to a beautiful creamy white bordered gray; deep crimson spots. 15c. each.

Enkeii—Deep, lustrous green ground speckled white and profusely mottled white suffused with pink; a few large crimson splashes. 15c. each.

Houletti—Deep green ground; white ribs and center, bordered gray; thickly spotted white. 20c. each.

Jupiter—Deep green ground, mottled and spotted white with deep crimson splashes; stems ebony. 15c. each.

Mrs. J. Linden—Deep green ground, mottled and splashed white, suffused pink; ribs dull crimson. 15c. each.

Rossinii—Ribs and center of leaf rich crimson; body of leaf rich deep green with a few large, irregular, bright, blood-red blotches which look as though varnished. Very beautiful. 15c. each.

Wightii—Entire leaf uniform green with silvery-white blotches and a lesser number of larger crimson blotches of very irregular shapes. 15c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER.—Any 3 of the 15c. varieties for 35c.; or 3 of the 20c. varieties for 50c.

NEW OR VERY RARE FANCY-LEAVED CALADIUMS.

Cream and Crimson—Body of leaf cream, slightly suffused green, marked with light pink spots that are bordered white. Delicately beautiful. 50c. each.

Harold—Medium green ground, spotted and splashed white; center of leaf gray, ribs deep crimson. Magnificent. 30c. each.

Karmel—Ground-work of leaf puckered and crimped, pure transparent white, veined and ribbed with deep velvety green. Looks like a piece of mosaic done in white and green. Simply exquisite. A seedling of our own naming. 50c. each.

Lunocera—Body of leaf deep metallic green, speckled, spotted and shaded rich rose-pink shading to rich dazzling crimson at the center. The whole leaf is lustrous and around the border are many intense crimson spots. 50c. each.

Reichenbachian—Medium green ground, ribs pale pink, center rich rose-pink bordered gray, the whole marked with a few small scarlet spots. 50c. each.

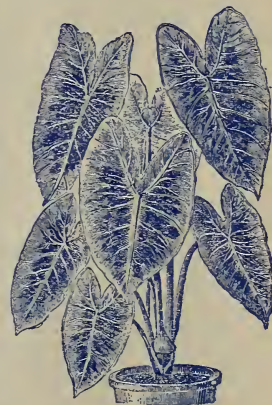
Rio Clara—Light green ground thickly spotted and splashed white; center of leaf light violet, ribs and nerves deep pink. 30c. each.

Triumph de Exposition—Medium green ground, ribs deep crimson bordered pink; center of leaf light crimson shading off into greenish pink. 75c. each.

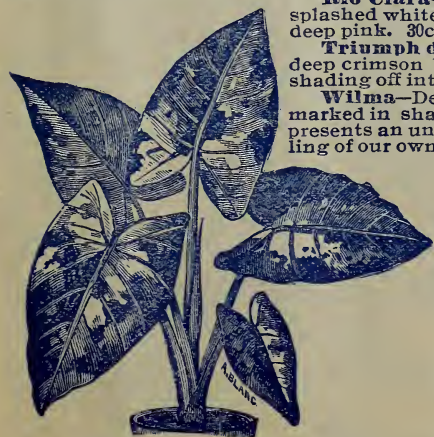
Wilma—Deep lustrous green ribs and veins, body of leaf most elegantly and richly marked in shades varying from nearly pure white to rich rose-pink. While the leaf presents an unusual richness and delicacy of marking, it is heavy in texture. A seedling of our own naming. 50c. each.



FANCY-LEAVED CALADIUMS.



ALOCASIA ILLUSTRIS.



ALOCASIA MACROHIZA VAR.

Alocasias.

Rare and very choice foliage plants belonging to the *Caladium* family, and very striking and beautiful either as pot plants or bedded out in summer. Elegant for vases and piazzas.

Illustris—Leaves bright green but so heavily blotched with black-purple that the green appears in the form of broad veins and borders; one of the most beautiful and striking sorts of all. Attains a height of 3 or 4 feet, and will grow in shallow water or a very wet place. Also does finely as a pot or lawn plant. Tubers, 15c. each.

Javanicum—Another equally rare and beautiful *Alocasia*. Its leaves and stems are of a bluish color; entirely different from the above, and, with its big shield-shaped leaves, it presents a strikingly tropical appearance. Tubers, 15c. each.

Macrohiza Variegata—A very beautiful variety; large bright green leaves with slightly waved margins, blotched and marbled white; footstalks also streaked white. Plants, 35c. each.

Superb Dwarf French Cannas.

Alba Grandiflora—The *Peach-bloom Canna*. The nearest to a white of any *Canna* yet originated. Flowers large, petals wide and pearly-white shading to pink in the center. 15c. each.

Charles Henderson—Equally well adapted for the garden in summer and the window in the winter. None of the varieties so far sent out excel it in the dazzling crimson color; the individual flowers are very large and of admirable form, with a yellow marking in the center. 10c. each.

Egandale—Dark bronzy foliage similar to the old *Indica* varieties, but with large, bright cherry-red flowers. One of the best bronze *Cannas*. 15c. each.

Explorateur Crampbell—Flowers of good size, in color a bright orange-crimson, with deep crimson markings. 10c. each.

Florence Vaughan—In color a bright, rich golden-yellow, spotted with bright red, borne in greatest profusion. Rarely exceed 3 feet in height. 10c. each.

Madame Crozy—Brilliant vermilion-scarlet, bordered with a deep golden-yellow. The flowers commence appearing when it is only a foot high, and from then on are produced in constant succession. 10c. each.

Paul Marquant—A grand variety of a bright salmon-scarlet, passing to a rosy carmine with a peculiar silvery luster, which lights up the salmon very brightly. In habit it is very dwarf. 10c. each.

Queen Charlotte—Petals broad and reflexed, the center of each being a brilliant scarlet surrounded by a broad and distinct band of golden-yellow, which gives a very unique and novel effect, as if gold-laced. 15c. each.

Souv. d'Antoine Crozy—The very finest of all the gilt-edged varieties. Color, dazzling crimson-scarlet with broad laced border of bright gold. A marvelously profuse bloomer. 15c. each.

Sunbeams—Plant remarkably dwarf, flowers very large, in finely developed trusses, the color a clear and brilliant yellow, marked with spots of orange so faint as not to be seen at a distance of ten yards. 15c. each.



DWARF FRENCH CANNAS

Magnificent Giant Orchid-Flowered Cannas.

Austria—The outstretched petals of the flowers of this variety measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 inches across, 3 are of a beautiful clear golden-yellow, and the 2 inner ones profusely spotted deep orange-yellow and carmine. 10c. each.

Allemania—This is the most gigantic flowered sort yet obtained. The petals are a bright yellow, with large blotches of vermilion-orange, these blotches heavily mottled with scarlet, making a gorgeous *Orchid*-like flower of the greatest magnificence. Foliage majestic, being glaucous and *Banana*-like. Originally issued at \$5 each. Our price, only 20c.

America—Dark, bronzy-red, with irregular and conspicuous dashes of lighter, greenish color. The tall, strong flower-stems bear large spikes of flowers of the form and size of those of *Italia*, but of a most rare and striking color—a sort of brilliant apricot-red, faintly spotted with darker salmon, the center canary-yellow marked with the apricot-red. An exceedingly rich appearing flower. Also originally issued at \$5 each. Our price, only 20c.

Africa—A splendid variety growing about 3 feet high; leaves lanceolate, purple-bronzy, striped with dark green shades. Flowers very large, resembling a *Cattleya Orchid*, of a rich purple-scarlet, inside golden-yellow and orange. 15c. each.

Burbank—Flowers of a gigantic size, the three upper petals spreading fully 7 inches; a rich canary-yellow with a few carmine spots in the throat. The outer segments are entirely free from any red, and there is much less red in the flower than in *Italia*. The flowers are also firmer in texture, and after a spike is cut the buds continue to open for a week. It is of a most vigorous growth and keeps on blooming late in the season, after all other sorts take on a seedy look. Only 15c. each.

Italia—Flowers from 5 to 6 inches in diameter, the 3 exterior petals bright golden-yellow, spotted orange, with a large blotch of the same color running from center to base of each; the 2 inner petals orange with light margin of yellow. 15c. each.

Pandora—An extraordinarily beautiful sort, having lanceolate purple leaves. Very large spike of enormous flowers of a glowing fiery red, dark-red outside, and the borders and the inside gold-flamed. 15c. each.

Superb American Cannas.

President Cleveland—Height only $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, but the strongest, heaviest grower in the family; crowned with numerous immense trusses of large, rich orange-scarlet flowers. 20c. each.

President McKinley—Flowers a fine clear crimson with scarlet shading, and borne in large even trusses, which are carried well above the foliage. Plant dwarf in habit. 20c. each.

Rosemawr—The finest pink variety in cultivation. Flowers large, often 2 inches across, in color soft rosy pink, elegantly mottled with rose and shaded rich golden-yellow at the throat. They are borne in immense trusses and at just the right distance above the foliage to show to best advantage. 20c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—Above set of 3 *Cannas* for only 50c.

Other Desirable Cannas.

Flaccida—A native Florida *Canna*, with flowers varying from a rich golden-yellow to a pale straw color, are over 2 inches in diameter the narrowest way and 5 or more inches the widest way. The petals are very delicate, with edges beautifully crimped, the blossoms resembling the *Orchid* or *Iris* flower in shape and appearance more than a *Canna*. The plant is dwarf in height—from 2 to 4 feet. The roots should be wintered in a box of half-dry earth in the cellar, or may be kept up for winter flowering. 10c. each.

Ehemanni—The *Fuchsia*-flowered *Canna*. An old sort of great beauty and merit. Flowers lovely brilliant rosy crimson, drooping like a *Fuchsia*; foliage very tropical, resembling a *Banana*; grows 6 feet high. 15c. each.

Robusta—The finest of all foliage *Cannas*. Leaves gigantic, dark bronze and greenish; with good cultivation will grow 10 to 12 feet tall. Flowers bright scarlet. 10c. each.



Calla Lilies.

Common Calla—This old favorite does not need a word of description, it is so well known and so universally loved and admired. Fine, strong plants, 15c. each.

Spotted Calla—The leaves of this beautiful *Calla* are very sharp-pointed, deep green, and thickly spotted with pure white, as shown in the cut. Unlike the common *Calla*, it is strictly a summer plant, its foliage dying away in the fall and the bulb resting like a potato during the winter. Fine bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Gladiolus and Tuberose.

Gladiolus Choice New Hybrids—These are grown from seeds saved from the cross-fertilized or hybridized flowers of the most beautiful and choicest named varieties in cultivation; and the flowers of these hybridized seedlings present a marvelous display of beauty which cannot be conceived of by those familiar with the old sorts only. Sent postpaid at the low rates of 12 for 25c.; 25 for 50c.; 50 for 80c.; or 100 for \$1.50.

Gladiolus Childsii—Undoubtedly the finest strain of *Gladiolus* ever introduced. Flowers enormous and showing such strange new colors as smoky grays and purple blacks. Mixed colors, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 6 for 45c.; 12 for 75c.

Tuberose Excelsior Pearl—Fine flowering bulbs, 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c. Select bulbs of the largest size, 7c. each; 6 for 30c.; 12 for 50c.

Tuberose New Variegated—Fine bulbs, 7c. each; 3 for 20c.; 6 for 35c.; 12 for 65c.

Hardy Grasses.

Eulalia Jap. Variegata—Leaves striped lengthwise creamy-white and green. 15c. each.

Eulalia Jap. Zebrina—Leaves marked across with bands of cream-white. 10c. each.

Eulalia Jap. Gracillima—Leaves very long and very narrow. 10c. each.

Erianthus Ravennae—A rare and very stately Reed-like Grass, grows 6 to 8 feet high and bears fine graceful plumes. 10c. each.

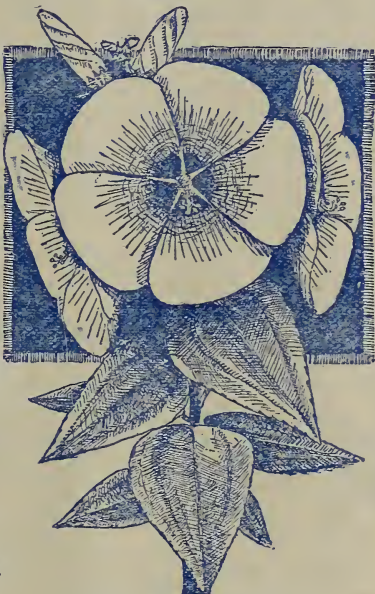
Arundo Donax Variegata—A magnificent Bamboo-reed growing 8 to 12 feet high and clothed with exquisitely variegated leaves, quickly producing a splendid oriental effect. Hardy as far north as New Jersey if the tuber-like roots are mulched over winter, or may be lifted and wintered in box of soil in cellar. 15c. each; strong large roots, by express, 30c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—1 each of the above 5 grasses for only 50c.

Yucca Filamentosa.

(Thread and Needle Plant.)

Too well known to need description. Extremely tropical appearing; perfectly hardy everywhere. A splendid plant for the cemetery and rock-work. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



HIBISCUS GRANDIFLORUS.



SPOTTED CALLA.

Tree and Shrubs.

Sweet Gum Tree—A native tree of great beauty, very rapid growth, and perfect hardiness. In autumn its leaves turn to rich tints of purple, scarlet, orange and yellow. A fine lawn or street tree, much more rapid-growing than the *Maple*. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

Azalea Nudiflora—A lovely native shrub bearing fine large bunches of sweet-scented, pure white flowers. Perfectly hardy in New England. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

Hibiscus Grandiflorus—A grand Southern species which sends up annually several stout herbaceous stems 3 to 4 feet high which in mid-summer produce a profusion of the most magnificent flowers imaginable. They are almost pure white with a deep crimson eye, and on established plants many of them are from 10 inches to a foot across. The cut gives no idea of its magnificent beauty. Will probably prove hardy North if set deep and well mulched, or may be lifted and wintered in a box of soil. 15c. each.

Choice Seeds.

Early Fruiting Luffa—An early fruiting variety of the *Dish-Rag* Gourd or Vegetable Sponge of the tropics that will ripen its fruits all over the North. A very rapid growing and highly ornamental climber, the fruits of which when ripe are filled with a beautiful lace-like network of fiber which is useful for a variety of purposes, such as dish-cloths, bath sponges, etc., and from which bonnets and a great variety of fancy articles may be made. Per pkt., 5c.

African Horned Cucumber—A remarkable, curious, delicious and beautiful sort. Will cover a large trellis with very ornamental foliage interspersed with oblong, somewhat 3-sided fruits covered with strong points or horns. For eating green it is tender and delicious and relished by those

who cannot bear ordinary cucumbers. When the fruits ripen they turn a brilliant orange and yellow, in speckled and clouded effects. Of special value to the entire South as it grows luxuriantly and fruits profusely all summer long, after other Cucumbers have died out, and neither bug, worm nor blight troubles it. Per pkt., 5c.; 3 for 10c.

Japanese Climbing Cucumber—An exceptionally fine sort which should have a trellis or support of some kind. Fruits from 12 to 16 inches in length, thick, tender and of delicate flavor, fine for slicing and pickling. Also of special value for the South, as it stands the full heat of the summer uninjured. Should be in every garden. Per pkt., 5c.; 3 for 10c.

Tomato Wonder of Italy—A remarkable new sort of surprising productiveness. The brilliant scarlet, plum-shaped fruits weigh about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ounce each, and are borne in giant clusters of from 50 to 70, or even more, all united to one fruit-stalk. The fruits are very solid and of superb flavor, equally excellent for salad and for preserving. The plants are very strong, thrifty growers and produce an infinity of fruits. Per pkt., 10c.



TOMATO WONDER OF ITALY.



AFRICAN HORNED CUCUMBER.

Palms for the People.

Grown Without Artificial Heat and Especially for Window Culture.

FOR ornamental or decorative purposes few plants can equal the grand and stately *Palms*. They succeed finely as pot plants in living-rooms, and every year of their age adds to their size, beauty and usefulness; but as with *Orchids*, the high prices at which they are held prevent them from being universally grown, and they can hardly be found outside conservatories of the wealthy. We are happy to be able to offer the following collection of elegant, desirable and easily managed sorts at prices which will put them within the reach of all. They have been grown in latticed houses and are much harder and vastly superior, for window culture, to those grown under glass at the North. In potting *Palms* the soil should be packed about the roots very firmly and rather small pots used, shifting to larger sizes only when the pots become filled with roots. They do finely in a soil of loam and sand. Leaf mold does not seem to suit them as well as a heavier soil. There is more danger of using too large, rather than too small pots. The drainage should be perfect and there should not be a lot of unused soil about the roots to become sour. Do not re-pot until the old pots are filled with roots, and instead of using wide pots use deep ones, as the roots prefer to go down rather than out. They enjoy some sunlight, though most sorts would do better in complete shade than in hot sunshine. Keep the leaves clean by sponging or washing them, and water the soil the same as *Geraniums*, *Roses*, etc. Unhealthy yellow leaves are most frequently caused by imperfect drainage, and this trouble may be avoided by careful potting. The scale, which is almost the only insect which attacks *Palms*, if it appears, which is rarely, may be easily removed by scrubbing the stocks and leaves with a stick or old toothbrush dipped in soapsuds. *All Palms are sent postpaid at prices quoted, except those quoted by express.*

Areca Lutescens—One of the handsomest and most useful *Palms* for house culture to which it adapts itself readily. Once established it makes a regular growth, and if given a fair amount of light it will prove superior to very adverse conditions. Its beautiful leaves are pinnate and gracefully arched, rich shining green, and very firm in texture. The stems and sheathing petioles are perfectly smooth, as if polished, yellow in color, mottled with black, forming an elegant contrast with the deep green leaves. (See cut next page.) Flourishes best in the shade. Strong plants, 20c. each; larger and finer, 50c. each; fine specimens from 5-inch pots, by express, \$1.25 each.

Caryota Urens—The *Fish-tail Palm*—so called from the resemblance of the pinnæ to the tail of a fish, appearing as if someone had trimmed the leaves with scissors. One of the very few *Palms* with bi-pinnate leaves, and is a very elegant species for house culture. Price, 20c. each; plants 2 feet high by express, 75c. each.

Chamærops Excelsa—Hardest of all *Palms*, said to have endured three degrees Fahr., with only a slight covering. A quick-growing fan-leaf *Palm*, particularly desirable for window culture, and fine for open ground culture in Florida, where it forms a tall but very slender trunk. (See cut on next page.) Price, 15c. each; larger and finer, 40c. each.

Chamærops Humilis—A very hardy and ornamental dwarf *Fan Palm* that can be highly recommended either for pot culture North or open ground South. Will stand a lot of abuse and neglect. Fine large plants, 50c. each.

Cocos Alphonsii—This is known in Florida as the "*Belair Palm*," and is hardy all over the State. It is a very choice and beautiful pinnate-leaved, edible-fruited *Palm* from Southern Brazil, and it should be planted by everybody in Florida for its fruit as well as its beauty. The fruit is golden-yellow, much like a *Peen-to-peach* in shape, about 1½ inches across, with a curious and pleasant acid taste; they are very refreshing on a hot day. The leaves are bright green, pinnate in form, and arch out like great plumes. It is also a splendid sort for pot culture. Price, plants 12 to 15 inches high, 20c. each.

Cocos Weddelliana—One of the most elegant and graceful little *Palms* that has ever been introduced. The plant is dwarf and very neat; leaves whitish-green on the underside, and arching out most gracefully. It is finely adapted for decorations of all sorts and easily endures the hardships usually falling to house plants. Beautiful little plants, 20c. each; 12 to 15 inches high 50c. each. (These prices are very low for this *Palm*.)

Kentia Belmoriana—The *Curly Palm* of Lord Howe's Island. Greatly admired by all who see it on account of its elegant habit and graceful appearance. A splendid species in which the pinnæ are beautifully curved and reflexed. Strong plants, 40c. each; beautiful specimens, \$1.00 each.

Kentia Fosteriana—An elegant decorative *Palm* of easy culture, and should be included in every collection of house plants. It is robust but compact in its habit and growth and thoroughly distinct. The leaves are broader in all their parts and darker in color than those of other *Kentias*, and the divisions of the leaves always hang down. Fine mailing plants, 25c. each; larger, 18 to 20 inches high, by express, 75c. each.

Latania Borbonica—The *Chinese Fan Palm*, from which the palm-leaf fans of commerce are made. The most popular *Palm* in cultivation, for decorative work; stands neglect well and also a considerable amount of cold. If grown in partial shade while young the leaves will be of a richer, darker green. Fine plants, 15c. each; larger, 40c. each; very fine, 18 inches to 2 feet high, by express, 60c. each.

Livistonia Rotundifolia—A miniature fan-leaf *Palm* of the most exquisite form and appearance imaginable. The leaves are shaped like those of *Latania Borbonica* but are tiny in comparison and are produced on very short footstalks. A plant only a foot high will have as many as a dozen well developed, perfect leaves, and such a plant is lovely for table



COCOS WEDDELIANA.



LATANIA

BORBONICA



PHENIX RUPICOLA.



CHAMÆROPS HUMILIS.



ARECA LUTESCENS.

decoration. It is very scarce and rare, is especially adapted for house decoration, and will delight everybody who possesses it. Fine little plants, 25c. each; larger and exceptionally fine, 60c. each.

Phoenix—All the species of this genus here offered are hardy in Florida, and should be extensively planted for lawn and avenue ornamentation. They are equally well adapted for pot culture at the North, being exceedingly beautiful and standing a great variation of temperature.

Phoenix Cycadifolia—A rare species with leaves resembling those of *Cycas* in form and arrangement. Very rare in cultivation. Strong plants from 4-inch pots, 18 inches in height, 40c. each; plants 20 to 24 inches high, showing character, 60c. each; both sizes by mail postpaid.

Phoenix Farinifera—Very rapid grower and said to stand the winter climate of Southern France without protection. Leaves of a deeper green than the common *Date Palm*. Berry shining black, with sweet mealy pulp. A kind of sago-like substance is obtained from the trunk by the natives of Hindostan, which is used for food, hence the specific name *Farinifera*. Splendid plants from 4-inch pots, 1½ feet high, 4c. each; fine plants from 6 and 7-inch pots, 2½ to 3 feet high, *by express*, 75c. each.

Phoenix Paludosa—A rather short-stemmed species with very long, gracefully spreading leaves; the pinnules long and drooping. Native of India. Nice plants 20c. each; larger, 35c. each; much larger, 60c. each; fine plants from 6-inch pots, 2 to 2½ feet high, fully characterized, *by express*, 75c.

Phoenix Pumila—A handsome and remarkably quick growing species; will grow in any well fertilized soil, 15c. each; larger, 40c. each; much larger, showing character, 60c. each; fine plants from 6 and 7-inch pots, 2 to 2½ feet high, fully characterized, *by express*, 75c. each.

Phoenix Reclinata—A very beautiful and hardy South African species. Leaves gracefully reclined. Largely grown as a pot plant for the house, for which purpose it is especially suitable. 20c. each; fine plants 18 to 20 inches high, showing character, *by express*, 75c. each.

Phoenix Rupicola—One of the most exquisitely graceful amongst *Palms*, in elegance taking a similar place to that of the *Cocos Weddeliana*. With its wide-spreading arching, pinnate leaves it is a most valuable acquisition. (See cut on opposite page.) Plants 20c. each; larger and finer, 35c. each; fine plants 1½ feet high, showing character, 60c. each, *postpaid*.

Phoenix Sylvestris—One of the hardiest and a very rapid growing *Palm*, forming magnificent specimens. Leaves grayish-green, very ornamental. 20c. each; plants, 2½ to 3 feet high showing character, *by express*, 75c. each.

Phoenix Senegalensis—A fine, free growing pot-*Palm*, 20c. each.

Sabal Palmetto—The historical *Cabbage Palm* or *Palmetto* of the South; very hardy, resisting severe cold unharmed, as well as a great deal of abuse. A very ornamental *Fan Palm*. Price 15c. each.

Seaforthia Elegans—A most graceful *Palm*, very popular for decorative purposes. Famed the world over for the feathery elegance and graceful character of its dark-green, perfectly smooth pinnate leaves, 20c. each; much larger and finer, *by express*, 50c.



SABAL PALMETTO (CABBAGE PALM).



PHENIX RECLINATA.



SEAFORTHIA ELEGANS.

PALMS CHEAP!

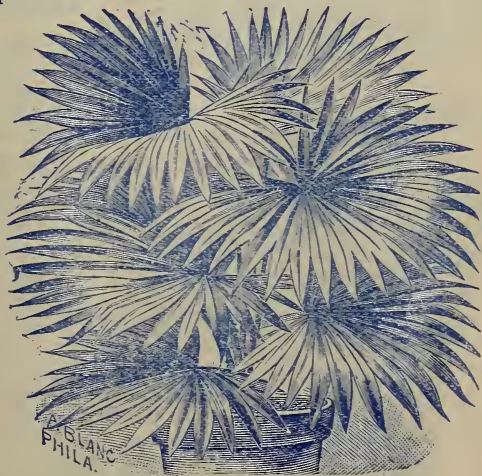
On the following page will be found some very cheap offers of desirable varieties of *Palms* of which we have a surplus stock. These we have made up into special collections at special low prices. Everyone is a bargain.



CHAMEROPS EXCELSA.



KENTIA BELMORIANA.



LIVISTONIA ROTUNDIFOLIA.

Cheap Palm Collections.

As we have very large stocks of some of the most desirable kinds of *Palms* which we catalogue, we have decided to offer some of them in especially cheap collections in order that everyone may possess at least a few of these elegant decorative plants. This is an excellent opportunity for flower lovers in the same community to club together and get some fine *Palms* cheap.

Palm Collection A—Four *Palms*, one each of *Caryota Urens*, *Phoenix Rupicola*, *Cocos Weddeliana* and *Phoenix Sylvestris*, amounting at Catalogue prices to 80c., sent postpaid to any address for only 50c.

Palm Collection B—Three *Palms*, one each of *Phoenix Paludosa* (35c. size), *P. Pumila* (40c. size), and *P. Rupicola* (35c. size), amounting at Catalogue prices to

\$1.10, sent postpaid to any address for only 75c.

Palm Collection C—Three *Palms*, one each of *Cocos Weddeliana* (50c. size), *Phoenix Cycadifolia* (60c. size), and *P. Pumila* (60c. size), amounting at Catalogue prices to \$1.70, sent postpaid to any address for only \$1.25.

Palm Collection D—Four *Palms*, one each of *Phoenix Cycadifolia*, *P. Paludosa*, *P. Pumila*, and *P. Rupicola*, 60c. size of each and showing character, amounting at Catalogue prices to \$2.40, sent postpaid to any address for only \$1.80.

Palm Collection E—Four *Palms*, one each of *Phoenix Farinifera*, *P. Paludosa*, *P. Pumila*, and *P. Sylvestris*, 75c. size of each, 2 to 2½ feet high, amounting at Catalogue prices to \$3.00, sent by express, at purchaser's expense, for only \$2.15.

Sago Palm, or Cycas Revoluta.

This is the so-called *Sago Palm*, and is sometimes called the *Japanese Fern Palm*, which is a very appropriate name. In young plants the stem is bulb-like, but develops into a stem or trunk as it grows older. The leaves, which are like elegant *Fern* fronds, are remarkable for their great beauty, which is retained for years, as the leaves do not die and drop off every year, as they do on most plants. While the frond-like leaves are of most graceful appearance, they are also of a firm, strong texture and difficult to injure. They are of a dark, deep green, and look as if varnished, which gives them a beautiful, shiny appearance. The leaves are in great demand for floral decorations, and often sell for two dollars each. It may be well termed a "Family plant," as it lives to a great age and can be kept in the family from generation to generation, growing finer and more valuable every year, proving an indispensable decoration for all occasions. As a decorative plant, both for indoor and outdoor (summer) use, it is without a rival, for its noble and majestic habit is most impressive; and it is very hardy, its heavy, glossy fronds resisting alike the gas, cold and dust to which decorative plants must frequently be exposed. It is suited with any good garden soil. Pots should be well drained, and water applied sparingly during the winter. Northern florists catalogue this plant at from \$2.50 to \$100 each, according to size, which of course keeps it out of the hands of flower lovers in general. We are glad to offer nice mailing size plants at 35c. each; second size, larger and more leaves, 50c. each; third size, still larger and finer, 75c. each; fourth size, larger and very fine plants, by express, \$1.00 each; fifth size, averaging 6 to 7

leaves apiece, 15 inches to 2 feet long, by express, \$1.50 each; sixth size, plants with 20 leaves, each leaf 20 to 30 inches long, by express, \$5.00 each.

NOTE—We have beautiful specimens of all sizes up to plants worth \$10 each. Particulars as to prices, sizes, etc. will be cheerfully furnished on correspondence.

Rubber Plant.

The *India Rubber Tree* or *Ficus Elastica*. A magnificent pot plant of great decorative beauty, to contrast with *Palms* and other plants. Has very large smooth, leathery leaves, which stand heat and dust with impunity. One of the most popular room plants in Northern cities, but generally very expensive. When it becomes too tall, it may be cut back and made to assume a perfect tree-shape. Fine plants, 35c. each; larger, very fine, 50c. each.



CYCAS REVOLUTA, OR SAGO PALM.

Coontie.

(*Zamia Integrifolia*.)

This strikingly beautiful and interesting *Cycad*, a native of the extreme southern part of Florida, is something between a *Palm* and a *Fern*, but is neither, and is of extreme stateliness and beauty. The leaves are pinnate and *Palm*-like, but coiled in the bud like *Ferns*, and retain their beauty for some years. The beautiful flower-head is like a pine cone in shape, appearing as if stamped out of rich maroon velvet. When ripe it bursts and exhibits its glossy, rich yellow seeds, which change to red. It makes a magnificent decorative pot plant, standing heat, dust, and almost any amount of abuse, and is a fine companion for the rare *Sago Palm*, which it somewhat resembles, though entirely distinct. In Europe the *Coontie* is so rare and highly prized as to be catalogued at from \$10 to \$15 each. The plants we offer are all pot-grown, beautiful specimens, with fine fronds (leaves) and an abundance of roots, ready for immediate effect, and all sure to live and thrive. First size, with nice foliage, 35c. each, postpaid; second size, larger and exceedingly fine foliage, 50c. each, postpaid.



COONTIE, OR ZAMIA INTEGRIFOLIA.

Screw Pine.

(*Pandanus Utilis*.)

One of the most noble, beautiful and useful decorative plants that can be grown, while its vigorous constitution enables it to stand more neglect, without serious injury, than almost any other plant we know of. Whether in the window garden, the center of a vase, or hanging-basket, or among the piazza plants in summer, it fills a place for which it seems especially adapted. The sharply serrated edges of the leaves are bright red and the body of the leaf green. 20c. each; much larger, elegant specimens, 75c. each.

Palm Grass.

The *Panicum Excurrans* of Natal, Africa. Closely resembles the seed leaves of some *Palms*, particularly the *Cocos*. Makes a striking and highly decorative pot plant. Very quick growing. Price of fine plants, 10c. each.



RUBBER PLANT



PANDANUS UTILIS, OR SCREW PINE.

Some Choice Ferns.

Adiantum Cuneatum—One of the most beautiful of all the *Maiden Hair Ferns*, and the one most popular and most generally grown by florists for decorations. 25c. each.

Adiantum Farleyense—The grandest of all the *Maiden Hair Ferns* and impossible to adequately describe. 25c. each.

Adiantum Fulvum—An erect-growing New Zealand species, with fronds 9 to 12 inches long, 6 to 8 inches broad, and deltoid in general outline; young fronds reddish. A finesort. 15c. each.

Adiantum Pubescens—A peculiar and beautiful Fern, having a very soft appearance from the brown pubescence which covers the stems. Fine for baskets and Fern-dishes. 15c. each.

Aspidium Tensemseni—A lovely little Fern which will stand almost as much abuse as a *Geranium*. On account of its persistence and durability it is of great value for Fern-dishes and jardinières. Everybody should grow it. 15c. each.

Boston Fern—No other Fern ever attained such wide-spread popularity and the demand for it seems unending. The cut shows its habit of growth, and it is as easy to manage as a *Geranium*, growing to perfection in any living-room. Makes fronds 4 to 5 inches broad and 5 to 6 feet long, arching over on all sides. 15c. each.

Cyrtomium Falcatum—One of the best decorative species for growing in the window. A strong grower with fronds 12 to 30 inches long and 4 to 8 inches broad, the segments very large and the upper side a deep, glossy green. In England it is called *Holly Fern*. Makes a splendid specimen. 15c. each.

Davallia Striata—A Fern of great beauty from the Malayan Archipelago, and perhaps the easiest of all Ferns to manage. It thrives finely in a shady window, and the fronds being finely cut and feathery—yet of a strong texture—and a beautiful shade of green, it makes an exquisite table plant. It is also fine for cutting for bouquets. Does not grow over 2 feet high ultimately, but as a pot plant usually remains much smaller. Everyone is delighted with it. 25c. each.

Dicksonia Barometz—A quick-growing and very beautiful *Tree Fern* from China. The long fronds a light bluish-green, the pinnae so fine as to appear almost like fine lace-work. Very choice. Should not be confounded, in its small stage, with any native Fern. Both this and the following species (*D. Cicutaria*) soon grow into fine specimens entirely distinct in appearance. 20c. each; larger, 35c. each.



DRACÆNA TERMINALIS ROSEA.



THE BOSTON FERN.

Dracænas.

Elegant and highly decorative foliage plants, their richly colored leaves giving a striking tropical effect. Splendid companion plants for *Palms*, etc.

Braziliensis—A very robust grower, with broad, rich green foliage. Very bold and striking—a really tropical-appearing plant. Price, 20c. each; larger, very fine, 40c. each.

Cooperi—A beautiful form of *D. Terminalis*, with gracefully recurved leaves which are of a deep vinous red. A splendid decorative plant. Price, 20c. each; larger, very fine, 40c. each.

Draco—The true *Dragon's Tree* and a very decorative species. Leaves stiff, sword-like, and glaucous green. Price, 20c. each; larger and very fine, 50c. each.

Terminalis Rosea—A magnificent decorative plant, with gorgeous shades of bright carmine, bronzy green and pink on the foliage. It ranks among the most beautiful foliage plants, and in either large or small state it is alike elegant and attractive, its richly colored leaves giving a splendid tropical effect. Makes a beautiful piazza plant in summer and window plant in winter, growing freely in any good sandy potting soil. Price, 25c. each; larger and very fine, 35c. each.

Dicksonia Cicutaria—A very handsome, easily managed and quick-growing Fern, which succeeds perfectly in the living-room. Fronds pale, vivid, shining green, triangular-elongate in form, and from 4 to 8 feet in length, arching over on all sides. 20c. each.

Lygodium Scandens—The beautiful *Japanese Climbing Fern*, as easy to grow as *Ivy* or *Smilax*, and everybody would grow it if they knew how distinct and beautiful it is. Lovely on a slender trellis or running on threads. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

Lastrea Opaca—A very pretty species with dark green, triangular fronds. 20c. each.

Nephrolepis Exaltata—The true *Sword Fern*. In well-grown specimens the fronds attain a length of 6 to 7 feet, but only 1 to 3 inches wide. Will grow either in deep shade or full sun. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 5 for 50c.

Pteris Adiantoides—An *Adiantum*-like species very rare in cultivation. Very dark green. 15c.

Pteris Cretica Albo-Lineata—An old but very hardy and useful dwarf species, with a whitish stripe in the fronds. A grand sort for pots and baskets. 15c. each.

Pteris Victoria—A most desirable variegated variety, with small graceful foliage. 15c. each.

SELAGINELLAS—Curious and delicately beautiful plants, which require about the same treatment as Ferns. Some are erect, with large, spreading, Fern-like fronds, invaluable for cut-flower work, while others are prostrate and creeping, forming an excellent ground work for Ferneries. We can supply several very handsome species at 10c. each; or 5, all different and very choice, including *S. Emiliana*, offered below, for only 40c.

S. Emiliana—A new upright variety, with stems branching from the base and forming a dense tuft. An exceedingly beautiful sort. 15c.

Marantas.

Arundinacea—This is the *Arum* or true *Arrow Root* plant from which the arrow root of commerce is obtained. It is not only a very interesting plant, but a very beautiful foliage plant and produces pretty, small white flowers. It soon fills a pot, making a fine specimen, quite distinctive and tropical in appearance, and is very effective among other pot plants. It may also be bedded out if desired, and will flourish in any position, no matter how poor the soil. Tubers, 10c. each.

Massangeana—A beautiful and most useful dwarf-growing variety, especially adapted for use in connection with Ferns for filling Fern-dishes, jardinières, etc. Its leaves have an exquisite, silky appearance and are beautifully covered with rich markings; the outer portion is olive-green, the middle a silvery gray color, ornamented with large blotches of dark velvety purplish maroon. It is of a much neater habit of growth than the cut indicates. Fine plants, 25c.



MARANTA MASSANGÆANA.

Bulbs of the Amaryllis Family.

WE WISH to call special attention to our collection of this class of magnificent flowering bulbs, not that the collection is complete by any means, but never elsewhere have such beautiful and desirable sorts been catalogued at such extremely low prices. Not more than two or three of the *Crinum*s we offer can be obtained anywhere in the North, and they would be catalogued there at much higher prices than ours, and it is acknowledged by all who have dealt with us that our bulbs of this family are the largest and finest ever sent out by any concern.



AMARYLLIS.

Culture.—Nearly all members of the *Amaryllis* family require a season of rest from September or October until February or March, during this period giving just water enough to keep the large fleshy roots from drying up and dying. At the close of the resting period, water copiously and keep the plants growing vigorously until the beginning of the next resting season. At the beginning of the growing season, remove the top soil down to the roots and replace with fresh soil containing a liberal quantity of well-decayed manure; also water with liquid manure during the growing and flowering period, and shift the plants to larger pots when they become too much crowded.

Amaryllis Aulica Platypetala.—One of the most noble and beautiful of all. Produces 2 and 3 flower scapes at one time, bearing immense flowers, rich crimson, checkered with veins of a deeper blood-crimson; a green star and maroon blotch in center. Blooms in November and December. Bulbs 6 to 7 inches in circumference, 60c. each.

Amaryllis Equestre.—Flowers 5 or more inches across, opening out very flat and nodding, instead of being in the form of most *Amaryllis*; in color bright, sparkling orange-red, with a most beautiful green and white star in the center. Bulbs should be ordered previous to April 1st, as they bloom here in March and April in spite of all we can do, even if they are laid on a dry board in the sun. Full grown, blooming size bulbs, only 10c. each; very large and fine, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Amaryllis Formosissima.—(Jacobean Lily).—In shape its flowers differ from all other species of *Amaryllis*, and in color they are a deep, velvety, intense scarlet. At a distance they look blackish, and when the sun shines on them they have the appearance of being sprinkled with gold. The bulbs may be kept dry over winter, and in the spring set in the open ground, where they will quickly begin flowering. They are also fine for pot culture, and for growing in water like *Hyacinthus*, requiring the same treatment. Fine flowering bulbs, 10c. each; very large, 20c. each.

Amaryllis Johnsonii.—Although one of the earliest hybrids, is surpassed by very few of the new and costly varieties, and still remains a favorite house plant with all who know it, not only on account of its handsome foliage and gorgeous flowers, but because of its easy cultivation and its absolute surety to always bloom freely and profusely. With ordinary attention it will flower twice each year—in winter and in summer

—the bulbs sending up 2, 3 or 4 flower scapes at one time, each bearing five or six large, brilliant velvety crimson flowers, each petal striped through the center with a broad band of pure white. Price of fine blooming bulbs, 25c. each; monstrous bulbs which will produce 3 and flower-stalks at each blooming, 45c. each.

Amaryllis Prince of Orange.—A magnificent sort which should have a place in every collection. Flowers very large and of great substance; color a beautiful orange-scarlet. One of the finest and rarest. Fine bulbs, \$1 each.

Clivia (or *Imantophyllum*) **Miniata**.—Foliage rich and very deep, dark green, lasting all the year round. Blooms twice a year—once in mid-winter—2 flower-stalks at each blooming and each crowned with a bunch of often as many as 35 lovely lilies uniquely and gorgeously colored. Each lily is 2 or more inches in diameter, of a rich salmon or light flame color tinged with orange, very fragrant, and lasts perfect a long time. Extra large, from 6 and 7-inch pots, by express, \$1.00 each.

Cooperias, or Giant Fairy Lilies.—Charming summer-flowering bulbs closely allied to the *Zephyranthes*, but distinct in appearance. Have *Primrose*-scented, *Lily*-like white flowers on stems 10 to 15 inches high. Equally desirable for pot or open ground culture. We can supply three varieties—*Pedunculata*, *Drummondii* and *Oberwetteri*—at 5c. each, or 3 of each, 35c.

Other Fairy Lilies (*Zephyranthes*)—**Z. Atamasco**.—(*Atamasco Lily*). Flowers about 3 inches across, of dazzling whiteness, deliciously sweet-scented and borne on scapes about a foot high. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 6 for 15c.—**Z. Candie**.—(*Peruvian Swamp Lily*). Also pure white, but smaller and in every way distinct from the above. Has fleshy *Rush*-like leaves and is a profuse bloomer; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.—**Z. Andersonii Texana**.—A dainty little species from Southern Texas, having beautiful little golden-yellow flowers much like a *Crocus*. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.—**Z. Rosea**.—(*Pink Fairy Lily*). A very distinct form, with the most beautiful clear



CRINUM AMERICANUM.

rosy pink flowers. A profuse bloomer, one of the most charming species in cultivation and very scarce. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.

CRINUMS.—A great interest has lately been taken in these magnificent bulbs, and the demand for them is rapidly increasing as people learn what grand bloomers they are, and how easily managed. Since we first catalogued them, Northern dealers have awakened to their great value and beauty, and we supply them with the bulbs by thousands. Like most members of the *Amaryllis* family the *Crinum*s bloom best when they are somewhat pot-bound. May be wintered dormant by letting the soil go nearly dry.

Crinum Americanum.—An evergreen species and of the easiest culture, is best grown as a pot plant and can be wintered in the cellar if the soil is kept nearly dry. Its large white, exquisitely fragrant, *Lily*-like flowers are produced in an umbel and borne on a tall scape. A striking plant and far more beautiful than many of the high-priced *Amaryllis*, and in cultivation blooms several times a year. It grows naturally in swamps where the soil is rich muck and very wet. It can be kept growing and blooming (at intervals) the year round. Give an abundance of water when growing and blooming. Blooms best when somewhat pot-bound. Our bulbs are collected in one particular locality where they grow much finer and larger than any we ever saw offered at the North. We offer fine blooming size bulbs at the extremely low price of 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; extra large, 25c. each; 3 for 65c.



CLIVIA MINIATA.



MILK AND WINE LILY.



CRINUM AUGUSTUM, OR "GRANDOLIA."

soft pink within, and the filaments bright red. It is a very free bloomer. Nice bulbs, 40c. each; very fine large bulbs, 75c. each.

Crinum Fimbriatulum (*Milk and Wine Lily*)—A grand or t almost as beautiful as the *Kirkii*, but its bulbs do not grow as large and its strong growing foliage is more erect and sword-shaped. Flowers in umbels, very large and showy, 3 to 4 inches in diameter, striped with white and carmine and very fragrant. Nice bulbs, 20c. each; largest size, 30c. each.

Crinum Kirkii—This magnificent flowering bulb frequently attains the size of a child's head, and produces flowers of the greatest beauty. Usually 2 flower-stalks, each 2 or more feet tall, and of a dark purplish color, are sent up at the same time, each bearing a large umbel consisting of a dozen or more large *Lily*-like flowers of the greatest beauty and fragrance. The petals are broad and pure white, with a deep reddish-purple stripe down the center of the outside of each, and showing through faintly on the inside. Each individual flower is about the shape and size of those of the beautiful old *Lilium Candidum*. It may be grown as a pot plant, or bedded out in the spring and in the fall lifted and kept dry over winter, like *Gladioli*, etc., in a warm, dry place. Fine bulbs, first size, 3 inches in diameter, 30c. each; second size, much larger, 50c. each; third size, monstrous bulbs, 75c. each.

Crinum Moorei (*Ornatum*)—One of the very choicest of all the *Crinums* and perfectly easy to grow and manage. The true variety is very rare in cultivation and is usually catalogued as *C. Ornatum*.



CRINUM KIRKII

able for planting out in the open ground for summer blooming. In the fall the bulbs may be pulled up and kept dry over winter, the same as *Gladioli*, etc., or be grown in pots and water withheld when they evince a desire to rest. Too large pots should not be used, as they bloom best when pot-bound. Fine blooming size bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.25.

Hardy Spider Lily (*Hymenocallis Galvestonensis*)—A hardy *Spider Lily* which may be planted out in gardens all over the North, like a *Paeony*, and have clumps of this elegant and charming flower in the yard with no trouble after once setting it out. Bears an abundance of white flowers equally as beautiful and fragrant as the tender species, each umbel a bouquet in itself that will scent a whole yard or room. Also equally valuable for pot culture. In the open ground plant the bulbs 6 or 8 inches deep, and in a warm, sheltered spot. Fine blooming bulbs, 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; 5 for 50c.

Crinum Argustum (or "*Grandolia*")—The stateliest and most magnificent *Crinum* known. Ordinarily it produces an umbel of 30 or more flowers, larger than a half-bushel measure, but an old bulb has produced an umbel so large that when carried in a covered buggy it completely hid the person in the seat! The buds are of a deep purplish-red color, and the flowers when open are blood-red outside and a delicate satiny blush inside, and deliciously fragrant. The petals are broad and from 6 to 8 inches long, making a flower of an immense size. Bulbs bloom while quite small, and in a large pot or keg it makes a grand display. Mailing size, \$1.00 each; immense bulbs, *by express*, \$3.00 each.

Crinum Capense Rosea—Flowers, many in an umbel, shaped like a *Lily*, white flushed with pink, a deeper pink stripe running through each petal. May be treated exactly like a *Dahlia* or *Gladiolus*—set in the ground in summer and dug up and wintered in the cellar. So hardy are the bulbs that they may even be kept out of the ground two years and suffer no injury. First size bulbs, 25c. each; second size, very large and strong, 50c. each.

Crinum Capense Alba—Just like *Rosea* in every way except the color of its flowers, which is a pure, snowy white; a very free bloomer and everyone is delighted with its pure, waxy and fragrant flowers. It makes a grand companion for *Rosea* and everybody should possess both. First size, 25c. each; second size, 50c. each.

Crinum Erubescens—This is a rare tropical species, but seldom seen in cultivation. The very dark green leaves grow long and drooping, 3 or more inches broad, and with edges slightly scabrous. The stout peduncles are crowned with umbels of as many as 12 flowers, which are

Lily-shaped, claret-purple outside, but



CRINUM PEDUNCULATUM, OR ST. JOHN'S LILY.

The flowers are produced in umbels of from 10 to 12, in color soft delicate blush with a pink bar through the center of each petal, and deliciously sweet-scented. Each flower has a curved tube 3 or 4 inches long, which gives the entire umbel of flowers a most graceful, drooping appearance. No collection of *Crinums* can be considered complete without this rarely beautiful species. Fine bulbs, true to name, 75c. each.

Crinum Pedunculatum (*St. John's Lily*)—King among *Crinums*, mature plants having reached a height of 3 to 6 feet, and a corresponding breadth of magnificent foliage. Much like a giant form of *Crinum Americanum*, having the same kind of flowers, only larger and in an immense umbel of 20 to 30 or more. Flowers pure white, very fragrant and produced at intervals throughout the year. Full size bulbs are large and stumpy-like, and can be sent by express only. Our stock is limited, and has cost us nearly as much as we charge. First size, by mail, 30c. each; second size, by mail, 50c. each; very large blooming bulbs, regular giants, *by express only*, \$1.00 each.

Crinum Scabrum ("*Christ and the Apostles*")—The fanciful name was given because the plant usually produces *thirteen* flowers to each umbel, one in the center surrounded by the other 12, representing Christ and the twelve apostles. An exceedingly choice and beautiful sort. It produces usually 2 flower scapes at one time. The flowers are shaped much like those of the old *Annunciation Lily*, but have a much longer tube, so that the outer row droops in a very graceful manner. The broad petals are a pure sparkling white, with a light red stripe down the outside, and on the inside a faint, delicate peach-blow tint. Strong, flowering bulbs, by mail, 40c. each; very large bulbs, which will flower grandly, 75c. each.

Giant Spider Lily (*Hymenocallis* [*Pancratium*] *Caribbaeum*)—This magnificent South Florida *Spider Lily* produces immense umbels of often as many as 25 flowers, and nearly always 2 or more flower scapes at the same time. The flowers are airy and fragile-appearing and deliciously sweet-scented. In the center of each flower is a beautiful crown or saucer resembling tissue paper. Particularly desirable for planting out in the open ground for summer blooming. In the fall the bulbs may be pulled up and kept dry over winter, the same as *Gladioli*, etc., or be grown in pots and water withheld when they evince a desire to rest. Too large pots should not be used, as they bloom best when pot-bound. Fine blooming size bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.25.

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SPIDER LILY.

Aquatic and Bog Plants.

FEW are aware of the amount of enjoyment to be derived from the cultivation of this class of plants which are as easily grown as any. Tubs, artificial pools made of stones, brick or cement, fountain basins or natural bodies of water, may be used for the purpose, and after once planting about all the care the plants require is to see that the supply of water is constant. The soil may be either good, rich loam and decayed cow or stable manure in equal parts, or rich mud or muck. Tubs should be set in the warmest, sunniest part of the yard; and they may be wintered in the cellar.

Nymphaea Devonensis.

A brilliant rosy red *Night-blooming Water Lily* of the greatest beauty. Planted out in a large tank of rich soil in one summer a single plant will cover a circle 20 feet across, with leaves 25 inches in diameter, and flowers a foot across. If confined in pans, tubs or boxes the flowers will be smaller but otherwise just as fine. Leaves deep green with reddish shade, and serrated edges. The rosy red flowers have scarlet stamens, and by lamplight glow with an indescribable color. They stand on strong footstalks 10 or 12 inches above the surface of the water, begin to open about 8 o'clock in the evening and remain expanded until about 10 the next morning, each flower opening three nights in succession. An exceedingly free bloomer. Winter in cellar, pit or some other place free from frost. Price 50c. each.



TUB-GROWN HARDY NYMPHÆA.

Hardy Water Lilies.

The following species are perfectly hardy everywhere in the soil, beneath the water, where the frost cannot reach them, no matter how thick the ice forms on the surface of the water. Once established in a pond, lake, or any still body of water, they will spread from year to year and furnish quantities of their exquisite flowers. They can also be grown with perfect success in ordinary tubs in the yard, and bloom all summer. In planting the roots do not tie them to a stone and sink them, but push the roots carefully into the mud, after which they will take care of themselves.

Nymphaea Odorata—Our native *Water* or *Pond Lily*, the praises of which can never be too highly sung. Its lovely white and deliciously fragrant flowers appear at an advantage beside the most costly exotics. In very rich soil it will produce flowers 6 inches and leaves 13 inches across. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Nymphaea Odorata Gigantea—This is a gigantic form of the white *Water Lily*, which we discovered in this State. We have measured leaves of it which were 22 inches in diameter, and flowers 8 inches across. The leaves have their edges very curiously ruffled, and in some instances turned up, forming a rim after the manner of the *Victoria Regia*. Flowers fragrant, pure white with a golden-yellow center, and of a decided cup-shape, giving it a very distinct appearance. It begins to flower very early in the spring and continues to bloom profusely until frost. Fine roots, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 70c.; 12 for \$1.25.

Nymphaea Odorata Rosea—This is the rare and hitherto high-priced *Cape Cod Pink Pond Lily*, and is, without exception, the most lovely of all the hardy *Nymphaeas*. It begins to bloom earlier in the season than *Odorata*, continues to bloom later, and is of an exquisite pink or rose color, almost exactly the same shade as that of the old *Hermosa Rose*. Growing among the white varieties its beauty is simply bewitching. It has long been held at high prices—\$2.00 and \$2.50 per root. We have fine flowering roots which we offer at 50c. each, postpaid; 2 for 90c.; 3 for \$1.20.

Nymphaea Odorata Minor—A dwarf variety of *Odorata*, possessing the same qualities of hardness and fragrance, but producing flowers only one and a half and two inches across; white, tinted with pink on the outside. The leaves are also correspondingly small. A perfect little gem. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Nymphaea Flava—A genuine yellow *Water Lily*, a native of Florida, and not found in any other part of the world. Its leaves and flowers are a little smaller than those of the common *Water Lily*. Leaves beautifully variegated with brown; flowers bright golden yellow, and deliciously scented. It is perfectly hardy in the North; but should have as warm a position as possible during the summer. It is best grown in a tub, wintered in a cellar or other warm situation, and started as early as possible in the spring. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 70c.; 12 for \$1.25.

SPECIAL OFFER—We will send a root of each of the above five *Water Lilies*, amounting at catalogue prices to \$1.20, postpaid to any address for \$1.00.

Egyptian Lotus—(*Nelumbium Speciosum*)—The wonderful "Sacred Lotus," so famed in prose and poetry. One of the most tropical appearing plants in cultivation, but equally as hardy as our common *Water Lily*. In rich soil it will produce leaves 30 inches across on footstalks 5 to 6 feet in length, and flower-stalks 5 to 7 feet tall. The flowers open like an immense *Tulip*, the base of the petals being creamy white, most beautifully and delicately shaded off toward the end into bright pink. They are delightfully fragrant, and in the last stages of their development measure from ten to thirteen inches from tip to tip of petals. It grows readily and rapidly and blooms finely in a tub; but the larger the tub the better the results. We offer roots at the very low price of 50c. each. No seed for sale.

American Lotus—(*Nelumbium Luteum*)—A native of this country, but extremely rare. It is perfectly hardy, and flourishes under the same conditions as the *Egyptian Lotus*, from which it hardly differs except in the color of the flowers, being a rich sulphur-yellow, as large as a quart bowl, and having a strong fragrance. A large patch of them, with hundreds of buds and flowers, is a sight never to be forgotten. Just before planting the seed a hole should be filed through the shell to the kernel, but not into it. Price of fine roots, 55c. each. Seeds, per pkt., 10c.

"Last year I had a tub each of *Nelumbium Speciosum* and *Luteum*, and lots of blossoms. They were beauties."—MRS. B. PINKNEY, Kas.



EGYPTIAN LOTUS.

Pitcher Plants, or Sarracenias.

A suitable soil is prepared by using *Sphagnum* moss, leaf-mould and sand, cutting the moss up fine and mixing all together. Keep always moist and give but little sun. There should be plenty of drainage material in the bottom of the pot, though water may be kept standing in the saucer, and in the hollow trumpet-shaped leaves.

Sarracenia Flava, or Trumpets.—This is the largest of all, its erect, trumpet-shaped leaves frequently growing three feet tall. They are yellowish-green, with a curious over-arching hood reticulated with purple veins. Flowers yellow and very large. 15c.

Sarracenia Variolaris.—Pitchers from twelve to eighteen inches high and very curiously hooded at the top, these hoods being beautifully spotted with white and reticulated with purple veins within. Flowers yellow and two inches wide. Very desirable. 15c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—One plant of each sort sent for only 25c.



SARRACENIA FLAVA.

of the water, and produced freely all summer. Easily grown in a pool, tub or any shallow water. Must be wintered away from frost. Price 10c. each,

Umbrella Plant.

(*Cyperus Alternifolius*.)

A splendid decorative plant, being almost as ornamental as a *Palm* or *Fern*, and above all it is as easily grown as the commonest weed. As it will thrive in shade as well as sun it is an excellent plant for the dining-room table. It is also fine for the centers of baskets, vases, Wardian cases, or as a water plant in very moist spots, or even in shallow water. It should have an abundance of water. 15c. each.

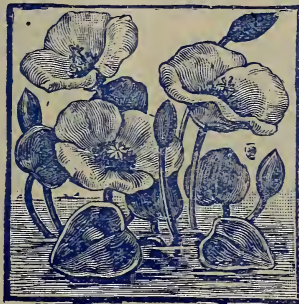
Venus' Fly Trap.

(*Dionæa Muscipula*.)

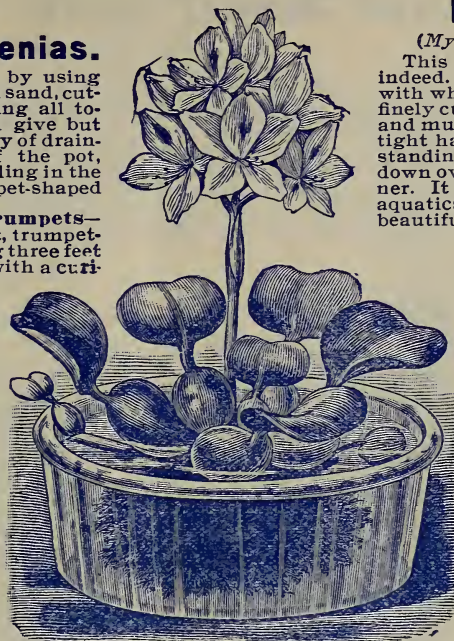
As shown, its leaves are furnished at the ends with a curious trap-like arrangement, the inner surface of which is covered with hair-like sensitive organs, so that the moment an insect lights upon them they instantly close up, and he is held a prisoner until dead. It is one of the so-called "carnivorous plants," which are believed to feed upon the insects they capture. It produces a spike of beautiful white flowers. Is easily cultivated as a window plant, if given an abundance of water, which should always stand in the saucer; it also likes plenty of sun and muck or peaty soil, and does better if a glass tumbler is turned over it. It is extremely rare. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



VENUS' FLY TRAP.



WATER POPPY.



WATER HYACINTH.

The Water Hyacinth.

Floats on the water by means of its curiously inflated leaf-stalks and throws up spikes of the most exquisite flowers as beautiful as many of the choicest *Orchids*. Can be grown in the open air in summer and in the window in winter in anything which will hold water. Plants 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 6 for 60c.

Water Poppy (*Limnorcharis Humboldtii*)—A charming and easily cultivated plant, with small, oval, floating leaves, and the most exquisite flowers of a bright lemon color, with black stamens, standing a few inches out of

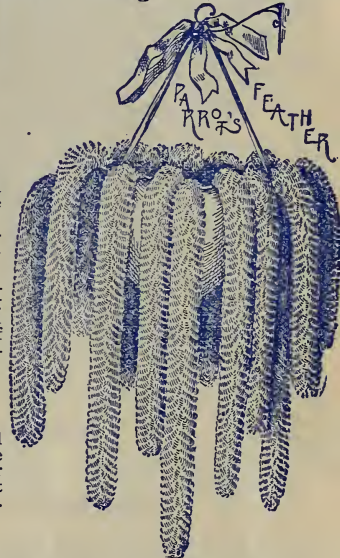
Parrot's Feather.

(*Myriophyllum Proserpinacoides*.)

This aquatic hanging plant is a novelty indeed. Its long trailing stems are clothed with whorls of the most exquisite foliage as finely cut as the leaves of the *Cypress Vine*, and much more delicate. Planted in a water-tight hanging-basket so water can be kept standing on the surface of the soil, it will trail down over the sides in a most charming manner. It can be grown in the tubs with other aquatics, and trained over the sides with beautiful effect. Price 10c. each.

Thalia Divaricata.

In general appearance resembles the *Canna*, to which it is closely related, but is much more tropical looking. It will grow in ordinary soil or in shallow water and may be treated in every respect like the *Canna*. The richer the soil and the more water it has the more luxuriant it will grow. It is a very desirable plant to grow with aquatics, and for the centers of beds of *Cannas* and foliage plants, or as a tub plant for the lawn. Forms large clumps, sometimes reaching a height of 10 feet, surmounted by panicked spikes of small purple flowers. Strong roots, 15c. each.



UMBRELLA PLANT.

Tropical and Semi-Tropical Fruits.

IN THIS department will be found a fine selection of the most desirable and easily grown representatives of this interesting class of plants, lately become so popular at the North. They are far more easily grown than has hitherto been supposed, and form a most desirable addition to any collection of plants. All plants of this class offered at the North are obtained from this State. The varieties we offer are carefully selected as the easiest to grow and give satisfaction. They are every one specially adapted for cultivation in pots or tubs, as they dwarf themselves readily under those conditions and fruit nicely. All except the *Pineapple* may be wintered in the cellar if desired to do so; but the majority are so beautiful in form, leaf, flower or fruit that they are well worthy a prominent position, both summer and winter. They are no more difficult to grow than the average run of pot plants in cultivation.



CATTLEY GUAVA.

Bananas.

For prices, etc., see 4th page o cover.

Cattley Guavas.

These two *Guavas* are something entirely distinct, no musky odor or flavor, the plants hardy enough to stand any temperature above 20°, and for fruitfulness surpassing anything we ever saw. A plant 18 months old has borne 500 fruits; we have had plants less than 18 inches high carrying 165 fruits and a plant which could be covered by a box 4 feet square and 2½ feet deep held 1,005 fruits, blooms and buds at one time. They are ever-bearers after they become established, bearing buds, flowers or fruits in some stage every day in the year. Evergreen, with beautiful, shining, thick, *Camellia*-like foliage, they would make grand ornamental pot plants if they never bloomed or fruited. Can be wintered in the cellar at the North or kept growing the year round. Should be planted in the open ground by everybody where the temperature does not go below 20 degrees above zero.

Red Cattley or Strawberry Guava (*Psidium Cattleyanum*)—Fruit rather smaller than an English walnut, of a fine claret color, and a flavor resembling that of a strawberry; makes a beautiful colored jelly.

Yellow Cattley Guava (*Psidium Lucidum*)—Foliage hardly distinguishable from the Red, but the fruit yellowish-green, about the size of a guinea egg, and of a slightly acidulated flavor; also fine for light colored jelly. Considered even harder than the Red species.

Prices—Fine mailing plants of either sort, 15c. each; 3 for 40c. One of each sort, mailing size for only 25c. Larger size of the Red only, 25c. each. (No large size of the Yellow this year.)

"The two Cattley Guava plants received from you last year are flourishing and are now covered with fruit."—MRS. GEORGE G. CLAPP, Miss.

The Fig.

The *Fig* is a fruit so delicious, and so easily raised, and the whole plant so ornamental and interesting, that it should be grown everywhere. Those who have never eaten any but the dried figs of commerce cannot form any conception of the lusciousness of a fresh fig, or preserved figs and cream. They make splendid tub plants for the North, and are as easy to grow as a *Geranium*. They usually bear some fruit the first season, and thereafter will be literally loaded. *Figs* may be grown in the open ground as far North as Rochester, N. Y., where they are perfectly hardy when treated as follows: On the approach of cold weather tie the branches together closely, then bend the body of the tree downwards as close to the ground as possible and fasten it there by tying to stakes. Then cover over and around with boards, over these a thick layer of straw, and over the straw a covering of four or five inches of soil. Very large bushes or trees may be treated in this manner, as the stems are very flexible. It is best to plant *Figs* in as warm a position as possible, such as the south side of a building or tight board fence. They may also be very successfully grown as pot or tub plants and be wintered in the cellar or pit.

Celestial or Sugar Fig—Small, pale violet, very productive, and so exceedingly sweet that in favorable weather they will preserve themselves on the tree. Fine plants, 20c. each; larger, by express, 30c. each.

"The Fig I got of you last January is about a foot high, and is now (Oct. 30th) loaded with fruit; and we are almost on top of the Rockies. It is a great curiosity here."—MRS. SUSAN EZEKIEL, Colo.



FIG GROWING IN A POT.

Lemons and Oranges.

Fine varieties of budded and dwarfed Lemons and Oranges will be found offered on page 8.

Double Red Pomegranate.

Most of the dwarf or ornamental flowering *Pomegranates* are non-fruiting, but the one we offer here fruits profusely, and is therefore doubly valuable. Grown in a pot or tub, it forms a most beautiful little bush, and, when covered with its flowers, is a sight of wondrous beauty. The outside, or calyx, of the flower looks as if cut out of very thick red sealing wax, while the inside, or petals, look like crape, or crimped tissue paper, of a much deeper color. The flowers are perfectly double and measure 3 inches across. It is a fruit-bearing pot shrub of exceptional value, and being naturally deciduous, it may be wintered out of the way in the cellar or a cold-pit until April, when it should be brought to the light and started into growth. Price, 20c. each.

Pineapples.

It was this delicious fruit a Huguenot priest described more than 300 years ago as being of such excellence that the gods might luxuriate upon it, and that it should be gathered only by the hand of Venus. It is one of the most beautiful decorative plants imaginable, and is well worth growing on that account alone; but it will fruit in a greenhouse or a window. Should be re-potted frequently during the first year.

Red Spanish—The *Pineapple* of commerce. Ruddy yellow when ripe; sub-acid, sparkling. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Egyptian Queen—Very showy, of fine flavor, and most prolific, bearing more surely than any other sort. Flavor something like that of a wild strawberry. Rare. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Pernambuco—A very rare *Pineapple*, especially adapted for pot culture on account of its fruiting while young and very small. Fruit so tender and juicy it must be eaten from the rind with a spoon. A tumbler full of juice can be squeezed from half an apple as readily as from a lemon. It is almost as tender and juicy as a watermelon, and its aroma and flavor are superb. Foliage tinted bronze and is highly effective and ornamental. Price, 30c. each.

Sugar Apple or Sweet Sop.

(*Anona Squamosa*.)

A most delicate fruit, much grown in the West Indies and at Key West. The fruit resembles an inverted cone, or a small *pineapple* minus the crown, and is of a yellowish-green color when ripe; the pulp is very sweet, of the consistency of soft butter, and contains several shining black seeds. Grows in the form of a bush, and in Florida sprouts readily from heroots when frozen down. A small bush less than 5 feet high has ripened upwards of 30 fruits in one season. At the North, makes a nice pot or tub plant. Deciduous in winter. 15c. each.

Sapodilla or Naseberry.

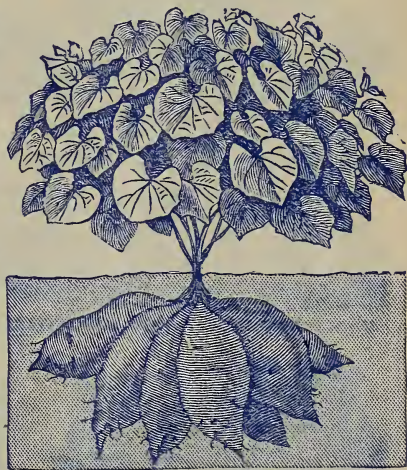
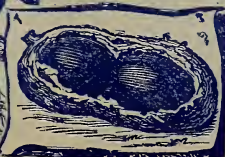
The *Achras Sapota*, of spreading tree-form, with thick, glossy leaves. The fruit can be compared to a russet apple, with the taste of a rich, sweet, juicy pear, with granulated pulp; almost equal to the mango, and the taste does not have to be acquired. Choice and rare; fine for pot culture. Price, 30c. each.

Providence Sweet Potato.

A very early and productive sort, which is as easily grown at the North as the *Irish Potato*. The vines are short and bushy, leaves heart-shaped, the tubers large, oval and of fine quality. Will be very popular at the North on account of its quick growth; and it should be grown in every garden. The tubers should be bedded to sprout, and the sprouts pulled off and planted after the weather becomes thoroughly warm and settled. Orders for plants we shall book, and send them to the various States at the proper time for planting. Tubers 30c. per lb.; 3 lbs. for 75c., postpaid. Per peck (freight or express at expense of purchaser), 75c.; per bu., \$2.50; per bbl., \$5.00. Plants (to be booked and sent to the various States at the proper time for planting), 25 for 40c., 50 for 75c., 100 for \$1.00, postpaid. Per express, at purchaser's expense, \$4.50 per 1000.



EARLY SWEET OR SPANISH PEANUT.



PROVIDENCE SWEET POTATO.

Early Sweet or Spanish Peanut.

It is just as easy to raise *Spanish Peanuts* anywhere in the North as corn, and those who have never tasted the nuts of this particular variety have no idea how delicious a peanut can be. They are smaller than the common peanut, but remarkably solid, no pops, and the flavor delicate and most delicious. Peanuts are excellent boiled instead of roasted. Boil two shells in water containing about a double portion of salt, as the shells absorb part of the salt. Grow some of them for the children; they will be delighted with them. Carefully shell the peanuts in order not to break the brown skin that covers the kernel. Plant the last of May or early in June in hills about 2 feet apart, 3 or 4 kernels to each hill, and cover about 2 inches deep. Soil should be warm and made fine and mellow. Cultivate shallow, and after the plants bloom, draw fine soil well up to them each time. The *Peanut* also makes a very ornamental plant when grown in a pot, the branches drooping over in a pendant manner and the compound leaves closing together, like the leaves of a book, at night. Per large package, 10c.; per pint, 20c.; per quart, 30c., postpaid.

Half Hardy or Pot Shrubs.

THIS magnificent class of plants can be grown in pots, boxes or tubs, grouped about the lawn or piazza where they will bloom profusely all summer, and be wintered in the cellar, if desired. Each passing year will only add to their size and value. All they require is good soil and liberal waterings.

Abelia Rupestris, or Rock Abelia.

Beautiful Chinese evergreen shrub covering itself with pale pink tubular flowers. Reliably hardy at least as far north as Philadelphia. Makes a fine pot shrub. 15c. each.

Acalyphas.

Tricolor—Leaves bright red, with blotches of crimson-bronze. 15c.

Marginata—Leaves dark bronze, margined with rose color. 15c. each.

Ardisias.

Crenulata—A handsome evergreen shrub, producing a profusion of white flowers and clusters of vermilion-colored berries, which remain on the plant a long time. Being evergreen and covered the year round with either berries or flowers, or both, the plant is always beautiful. 20c. each; larger, 50c. each; much larger, *by express*, 75c. each.

White-berried Ardisia—Like the above, except that the berries are pure white. 20c. each; larger, very fine, 50c. each.

Allamanda Neriifolia.

An elegant shrubby species producing clusters of tubular yellow flowers, the throat streaked with dark orange, followed by very curious seed pods. Fine for pots or bedding out. (*For Climbing Allamandas see page 30*). 20c. each; larger, very fine, 30c. each.

Australian Silk Oak.

The *Grevillea Robusta*, a splendid ferny-leaved evergreen plant which makes a magnificent pot plant. The dust, heat and gas of living-rooms have no visible effect on it and it will thrive where a *Geranium*, will exist. 15c. each; larger and finer, 30c. each.

Bougainvillea Glabra Sanderiana.

A beautiful dwarf plant which will delight all who give it a trial. From May to December every branch is a wreath of small yellow flowers surrounded by large rosy-crimson bracts which last perfect for months and make a great show. When it was first introduced and exhibited before the Royal Horticultural Society (London) it was awarded a first-class certificate, on account of its extraordinary floriferousness. Plants in 4-inch pots had stems a yard or so long, wreathed from top to bottom with blossoms. Perfectly easy to manage. Fine plants, 20c. each.

Camphor Tree.

(*Cinnamomum Camphora*.)

The *Camphor Tree* or *Camphor Laurel* from which the gum camphor of commerce is obtained. A beautiful evergreen, hardy in the lower Gulf States. Leaves smooth, and a rich, shining green, the newer growth tinged with a beautiful wine color, making a striking contrast. One of the most symmetrical trees imaginable, forming a perfect cone from the ground to the summit. It should be extensively planted in Florida as an ornamental tree for yards or streets, and at the North as a pot or tub plant, on account of its ornamental character and its very aromatic leaves and berries when bruised or crushed. 15c. each; extra large and fine, 30c. each.



ACALYPHA.



ALLAMANDA NERIIFOLIA.



BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA SANDERIANA.



ARDISIA CRENULATA.



AUSTRALIAN SILK OAK.



CAMPHOR TREE AS A POT PLANT.

✓ Cape Jessamine.

(*Gardenia Florida*, Fl. Pl.)

One of the most beautiful and desirable evergreen shrubs in existence, producing large, double, white, exquisitely fragrant flowers from May until September. Hardy throughout the lower South. Our cut shows the form of the exquisite *Camellia*-like flowers, but the real flowers must be seen in order to appreciate their waxy texture and delicious perfume. The plant grows in very beautiful form, and with its dark, shining leaves is highly ornamental at all times. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; larger, 30c. each.



CESTRUM LAURIFOLIA.



COFFEE.



CAPE JESSAMINE.

Cestrum.

✓ **Cestrum Laurifolia**—A greatly improved form of the famous *Night-blooming Jessamine*, producing in the greatest profusion clusters of greenish-tinted white flowers which are overpoweringly sweet at night. Makes a lovely pot plant, and is of the easiest culture. Blooms almost the year round, and small plants, 12 to 18 inches high, load themselves with bloom, a spray being produced in the axil of every leaf. Forms a lovely large, dense shrub in Florida gardens. 10c. each; larger, 30c. each.

✓ **Cestrum Diurnum**—*Day-blooming Jessamine*. A handsome quick-growing evergreen shrub, producing quantities of sweet-scented white flowers, valuable for cut-flower work, and somewhat resembling *Candytuft* flowers. A fine pot plant of the easiest culture, and for the open ground in Florida. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

✓ **Cestrum Aurantium**—A fine orange-colored winter-flowering variety which blooms at night. 15c. each.

Glerodendron Fragrans, Fl. Pl.

✓ The accompanying little cut conveys some slight idea of the beauty of this much neglected plant. It is of low, shrubby growth, with large, tropical-looking leaves, dull green above and dusty appearing beneath. From the axils of the leaves appear compact heads of the most exquisite waxy white flowers, exactly like miniature *Camellia* blooms, and of the most delicious fragrance, at times giving a pleasing banana-like odor. The flowers are produced in such a compact head as to resemble a bouquet. Given a rich soil it blooms profusely; can be wintered in the cellar or kept up for winter blossoms.

If cut down by frost, it sprouts up readily and vigorously from the root. As a pot plant, it should be pinched in and made to grow bushy. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



CLERODENDRON FRAGRANS, FL. PL.



GRAPE MYRTLE FLOWER.

✓ Coffea Arabica or Coffee.


A beautiful evergreen shrub, with waxy, shining dark green foliage and sweet-scented white flowers, disposed in axillary clusters, which are succeeded by bright red berries which contain the coffee kernels. A fine companion for the *Tea Plant*. Give ample pot room and plenty of water. 15c. each.

✓ Grape Myrtle.

Our cut shows the appearance of the individual flower, but we leave to the imagination the appearance of a bush completely covered with large panicles consisting of such flowers. The petals of the flowers look like grape, and the panicles of the bloom are larger than those of the *Lilac*. It can be set in the ground in the spring, where it will bloom readily, and in the fall be dug up, put in a box and wintered in a cellar, or it can be kept in a box or tub the year round. As far north as Philadelphia the roots are hardy in the open ground, shooting up freely in spring and blooming.

Light Pink—A favorite; **Scarlet**—Very fine; **Purple**—Choice. Prices, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

SPECIAL OFFER—One each of the above 3 sorts for 35c.

 **Express size**, 30c. each; the 3 for 80c.

White—Very rare and exquisitely beautiful. 25c. each.

✓ Crotons.

Among the finest decorative foliage plants known, combining the gayest and brightest colors with the most wonderfully diverse forms, their varied hues far surpassing autumnal effects. The leaves of all are more or less margined, sometimes entirely variegated with shades of yellow, orange and crimson. 15c. each; 3 (all different) for 40c.



CROTON.



DATURA CHROMATELLA.

Datura, or Trumpet Flower.

Datura Arborea—This grows in a fine miniature tree-form and completely loads itself with pure white drooping bell-shaped flowers a foot long, 6 or 8 inches wide, of the most overpowering sweetness, and the same flowers opening for several days in succession. 15c. each.

Datura Cornucopia—The flowers of this sort are shaped much like those of the *Datura Chromatella*, but the inside is white while the outside is a fine lilac spotted darker, which makes a striking combination. 15c. each.

Datura Chromatella—A grand new *Datura*, which has been very appropriately called *Golden Queen*. It produces quantities of very large flowers which are of a clear, rich golden-yellow, with 3 or 4 distinct corollas, looking as though 3 or 4 large flowers had been drawn one within the other. Strong plants, 15c. each. Seeds, 5c. per pkt.

SPECIAL OFFER:—One plant of each of these 3 magnificent *Daturas*, amounting to 45 cents, sent postpaid to any address for only 40 cents.

Eranthemum Pulchellum.

A fine pot plant for winter blooming, producing lovely, deep blue flowers very freely from Christmas until spring. Grows in nice bushy shape, with many side branches, each terminated with a spike of numerous blossoms. 1s of the easiest culture. 10c. each.

Dwarf Geraniums, Mars and America.

Mars—This and the following are the dwarfest *Geraniums* yet introduced—plants 2 years old are but 19 inches high. They are also the freest blooming *Geraniums* known. The illustration is from a photo of a plant growing in a 5-inch pot and bearing 22 flower stems; but larger plants have produced as high as 50 flower-stems at one time. And this wonderful freedom of bloom is kept up the year around. Flowers single, borne in large clusters, in color a deep salmon-rose, deeper at the center but pure white on the edges. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

America—A seedling of *Mars* and just as dwarf, floriferous and wonderful in every way. Color brilliant and striking, snow-white on the edge and changing through all the salmon shades into the deepest rose in the center—striped, mottled, blotched, no two flowers seeming to be alike. A tiny 2-inch pot plant will carry a cluster of flowers twice the size of the plant itself. Price, 20c. each.

Golden Dew Drop.

(*Duranta Plumieri*.)

A handsome evergreen pot shrub, bearing racemes of lovely, delicate blue flowers in great profusion. They resemble the flowers of the *Forget-me-not*, but are larger, are produced for at least 3 months, and are rapidly followed by clusters of beautiful golden berries which hang on for 6 months, so that the plant is ornamental three-fourths of the year. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

Hamelia Patens.

Almost no idea of the great beauty of either flowers or foliage of this plant is conveyed by the cut. It is a plant which should be as common in Northern windows as the *Geranium*, and have an honored place in every Florida yard where it blooms all the summer and fall. In pots, if pinched back occasionally, it will make a fine shrubby plant and bloom from one year's end to the other. Its bright orange-red tubular flowers are borne in dense clusters and remain perfect for weeks. In addition, in fall its leaves assume most beautiful autumnal hues which last all winter. 15c. each.

Hydrangeas.

Monstrosa—Trusses of flowers are of enormous size. Color, intense deep rose, and the plant is a mass of bloom the whole season. The best of all the *Hydrangeas*. 20c.

Otaska—The old favorite, bearing big bunches of pink flowers which change to blue in soils containing iron. 15c.

Red-Branded—(*Ramis Pictus*)—A beautiful sort with dark red branches that brighten to a clear crimson color as they near the flower trusses. Produces freely immense heads of deep rose-colored flowers. 15c. each.

Thomas Hogg—Pure white trusses of flowers measuring 15 inches in diameter. Plants when full grown have a height and width of 6 feet. Perfectly hardy and one of the finest plants for cemeteries. 15c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—The entire set of 4 for only 50c.

Habrothamnus.

This is a genus of Mexican plants very closely related to the *Cestruums*, and of easy cultivation. They will thrive in any good potting soil and are among the gayest and most showy of pot plants with their panicles of richly colored flowers which are borne in profusion. Both of the following varieties are fine winter bloomers.

Coccineus—A very choice sort with bright scarlet or rich dark pink flowers which are pendulous, or tassel-like and borne in profusion, followed by purplish-red berries (not edible). Very handsome. 10c. each.

Elegans—Flowers bright carmine or purplish-red, freely produced in dense terminal cymes. Branches and underside of leaves downy. May be grown as a climber or trained into bush-form. 10c. each.



HAHELIA PATENS.



NEW DWARF GERANIUM "MARS."



JUSTICIA VELUTINA.

Jasminum.

This class of *Jessamines* is noted for the combined beauty and fragrance of all its varieties. They are great favorites, and as easy to grow as a *Geranium*.

✓ **Grandiflorum** — (*Catalonian Jessamine*)—One of the most desirable of the species. The plant is of a shrubby, half-climbing habit, with a very delicate foliage, and its small, star-shaped, fragrant flowers are produced in the greatest profusion all the year round. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

✓ **Gracillimum**—A new *Jasminum* and remarkable for its freedom of bloom. Of graceful habit, long slender branches springing out near the ground and curving over on all sides. A flower shoot is produced at every joint, which terminates in a cluster of pure white flowers. Is in bloom from October to February. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

✓ **Grand Duke**—This sort is very easily grown. Even small plants bear a profusion of very double creamy white flowers having a powerful and delicious perfume. It is a magnificent plant and one of the most valued and popular pot plants wherever known. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

✓ **Hirsutum**—Flowers in umbels, pure white, large, fragrant; petals 6 to 9. Grows in the form of a miniature bush. An exquisite pot plant. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

✓ **Lucidum**—Twiner, with shiny, evergreen leaves and clusters of white star-shaped flowers. 15c.; larger, 30c.

✓ **Maid of Orleans**—A very attractive new *Jasmine* with shining pale green foliage and good size double flowers, blooming profusely all summer. A very beautiful and desirable sort and very easy to grow. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

✓ **Nudiflorum**—A perfectly hardy climber from China. Its flexible green branches are wreathed with golden flowers very early in the spring, and if set south side of house will frequently bloom at Christmas. Thrives anywhere and grows with great rapidity; blooms all winter south of Washington. 15c. each.

✓ **Officinale**—Another perfectly hardy sort, but like *Nudiflorum* reaches greatest perfection in a sheltered location. May be trained either as a bush or climber; flowers fine white and delightfully fragrant. Blooms from June to September. 15c. each.

✓ **Poetica**—A very rapid grower which may be trained either as a climber or in bush form. Foliage handsome and glossy and plant covers itself with a perfect cloud of airy, starry white fragrant blossoms, smaller than those of the *Catalonian Jessamine*, but blooms in larger clusters. 15c. each.

✓ **Revolutum**—Yellow-flowered, growing readily to the height of from 10 to 20 feet in the open ground. In pots makes a fine little bush. Exquisitely fragrant and hardy north to Maryland. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

✓ **Sambac**—(*Arabian Jessamine*)—The most deliciously fragrant of all. Flowers single, white, and borne in cymes. Plant climbing and blooming all the year around. 15c. each; larger, 30c.



JASMINUM GRANDIFLORUM.

Justicia.

Bicolor—Blooms nearly all the year. Flowers star-shaped, white-tipped crimson-maroon and resemble some species of *Orchids*. 15c. each.

Carnea—A strong, rapid grower, throwing up long stems terminating in splendid plume-like bunches of pink flowers, the end of each petal drooping in a most charming manner. Literally covers itself with flowers, and does equally well in the house or bedded out. 15c. each.

Coccinea—An upright-growing pot-plant of free growth, with large glossy green leaves and terminal spikes of bright coral-red flowers which look at if made of wax, and crown the plant nearly the whole year. Few flowers are so brilliant. Does finely in the open ground all the year round in this State, or bedded out in the summer at the North. 10c. each.

Velutina—A very great improvement on the old *Justicia Carnea* in that it is much more dwarfed in habit, and a remarkably profuse bloomer. Plants will begin to flower when they have but 3 or 4 leaves and continue to bloom almost constantly. If pinched back occasionally, it will make a very dwarf, stocky, and shapely plant, frequently covered with 20 to 50 large flower-heads, lasting a long time. The flowers are a beautiful soft pink and the foliage is highly ornamental, being heavy in texture and very velvety. It makes a lovely pot plant, for which purpose the Parisian florists grow it in great quantities, and is equally fine for bedding purposes. 20c. each.

✓ Lemon Verbena.

This fine old pot-shrub is too well known to need description. Indispensable for the delicious fragrance of its leaves which somewhat resembles the odor of lemons but is more refined, sweet and agreeable to everybody. 15c. each.

Lantanas.

Among the best plants for bedding out in summer or for pots in winter; equally fine in dry or wet weather, in sun or shade. There are few plants that bloom more continuously or afford a greater variety of color. The finest new named sorts. 10c. each; 3, all different, for 25c.

✓ For Weeping Lantana see page 7.

Lion's Tail.

(*Leonotis Leonurus*.)

An old plant but lost to cultivation until reintroduced a few years ago. A very showy plant, as easy to grow as a *Geranium* and constantly in bloom during the entire winter. The bright, orange-colored flowers look as if made of plush, and are produced in curious whorls. Fine for pots North and a grand plant for South Florida gardens. Price, 15c. each.



LION'S TAIL.

Magnolia Grandiflora.

The wondrous *Magnolia* of the South, the most magnificent of all our Southern broad-leaved evergreens. Leaves very large, much like those of the *Rubber Tree*, dark, shining green above and a beautiful rusty brown beneath, forming a striking contrast. Flowers 6 to 8 inches across, creamy white, waxy and powerfully fragrant. Forms a majestic tree 60 to 80 feet high. Not considered hardy north of Washington, though a well-protected specimen in Philadelphia blooms annually. But as it begins blooming when quite small, it can be treated as a tub plant and wintered in the cellar. Price of fine pot-grown plants, which are sure to live and grow off finely, 20c. each.

Magnolia Fuscata (Banana Shrub)—A Chinese dwarf evergreen species growing only from 2 to 4 feet tall and exceedingly fine for pot culture. Completely covers itself with small cream-colored erect flowers of the most exquisite fragrance, similar to that of a ripe banana. So powerfully scented are they when the sun shines that one or two will perfume a large room. Perfectly hardy in the South, where it is universally loved by all who know it. Nice plants, 25c. each; larger, 35c. each.



MAG. FUSCATA.



MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA.

Melastomas.

A genus of beautiful evergreen shrubs of great beauty for pot and tub culture and found in this country only in the rarest collections. They bear large, showy flowers, purple, violet, rose, rarely white, shaped like those of the *Pleroma* (offered on page 28) which belongs to the same family or order.

Candidum—The young stems and leaf stems are wine-red and covered with soft white hairs, giving a peculiar appearance. The red color also extends about half way along the 5 strong and prominent veins underneath the leaves. The leaves are deep green and covered above and below with silky white hairs, giving them a beautiful appearance and velvety texture. Flowers large and purple. Native of China. 15c. each.

Sanguineum—Crimson bristles clothe the stems of this species, adding much to the plant's appearance. The leaves are green above and shining, but red at the nerves beneath and are very distinct and ornamental. The branches terminate in clusters of very large delicately-soft pink or rose-colored flowers. Also native of China. 20c. each.

Myrtus Tomentosa.

(The Downy Myrtle.) A very handsome and distinct species, bearing beautiful pink five-petaled flowers, resembling in size the *Dog Rose*. The flowers appear in such wonderful profusion that the leaves of the plant are almost completely hidden, and the branches weighted to the ground. The flowers are followed by fruits about the size of a gooseberry, red in color, and of an agreeable sweetish taste; fine for jam, etc. It should be grown in every Florida garden for its fruit, and at the North as an elegant pot shrub. Strong plants from 3-inch pots, 30c. each.

M. Communis—This is the true Myrtle or Bridal Myrtle, which was so great a favorite among the ancients, and was sacred to Venus. It makes a beautiful pot plant of erect shrubby habit, with fragrant evergreen foliage, and is of the easiest culture in the window. It also bears small white flowers freely, which are scented like the foliage. Highly valued for use in wedding and funeral bouquets, etc. Hardy in the open ground in Florida. 20c. each.

"The *Olea Fragrans* you sent me is a splendid plant. It never lost a leaf, but went to growing at once, and is full of its deliciously sweet blossoms." — VIRGINIA Y. SMITH, Mass.



MELASTOMA SANGUINEUM.



MYRTUS TOMENTOSA.

Olea Fragrans.

An elegant little pot shrub known as *Sweet Olive*, from the powerful and delicious fragrance of the small clusters of delicate cream-white flowers which are produced in great profusion during the fall and winter. Foliage deep green, similar to a *Camellia*. Very desirable. 25c. each; larger, 18 to 20 inches high, 40c. each.

Opoponax.

(*Acacia Farnesiana*.)

Prof. Fraas has recognized in this *Acacia* the ancient plant, which should give it great interest even if it were

not, as it is, one of the most beautiful plants in cultivation. Its little leaves are as delicate and beautiful as lace work, and in their axils appear, in the greatest profusion, flowers in the shape of small yellow fuzzy balls, of the most delicate fragrance, from which a popular perfume is distilled. Fine plants, 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

White Opoponax—Plants of this variety are much more dwarf than the above sort, but the leaves and balls of white flowers are much larger. The flat brown seeds are very beautiful, and useful in a variety of fancy work. A valuable pot plant for the North, or for the open ground in Florida. Fine plants, 15c. each; larger, 30c. each. Seeds, 5c. per packet.



profusion and over a much longer season, frequently blooming two or three times during the summer. These are followed by orange-red fruits, about the size of a *Mandarin* orange, which makes an excellent marmalade. It is a dwarf plant, forming a beautiful shrub, from 4 to 12 feet high. It is the very best sort as a stock on which to bud or graft and dwarf the larger growing varieties. As a hedge plant, either for ornament or defense, its value is unlimited. For a hedge, set the plants from 18 to 20 inches apart in a single row. Planted even further apart they will form a hedge which no animal can force. Strong, young, thrifty mailing trees, 15c. each; 3 for 40c; 6 for 75c; 12 for \$1.25; 100 for \$6.50. Fine plants 2 to 3 feet tall, by express 25c. each; 3 for 70c.; 6 for \$1.25; 12 for \$2.00.

"Your Trifoliate Orange stood 33 degrees below zero here last winter (1899). What do you think of that? It was the coldest weather ever known here."—MARY P. HAMILTON, Pa.

For dwarfed and edible-fruited Oranges and Lemons and the Otaheite Orange, see page 8.

Pomegranate.

The dwarf or ornamental flowering *Pomegranates* are exceedingly beautiful pot shrubs. The outside, or calyx, of the flowers looks as if cut out of very thick sealing wax, while the petals look like crepe or crimped tissue paper.

- Alba Plena—Creamy white, very double. 15c. each.
 - James Vick—A very dwarf variety with flowers large and most brilliant orange-scarlet. 15c. each.
 - Variegata—Flowers very large and very double, yellow, flaked with scarlet. A magnificent variety. 15c. each.
- For edible-fruited Pomegranate, see page 21.

Poinciana.

(Bird-of-Paradise Flower.)

The *Poincianas* are among the chief glories of tropical and semi-tropical gardens, and are exceptionally fine pot-



OLEANDER.

Oleanders.

The *Oleanders* are too well known to require extended description. No plant is easier to manage; the flowers possess a fragrance almost rivaling the *Rose*, and a well-grown specimen is an object of great beauty.

Rosea Splendens—Double pink, a soft, exquisite shade, and very fragrant, producing its flowers in great abundance. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Double White—Beautiful beyond description, forming a lovely contrast with the pink and red varieties. 25c. each.

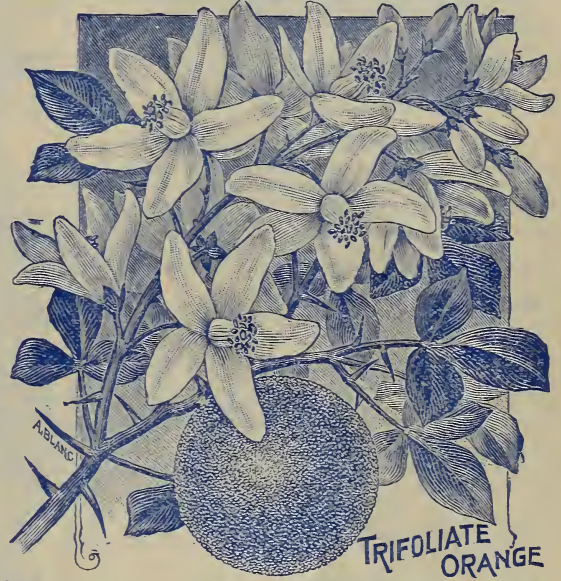
Single White—This is the most profuse flowering shrub we know of, and certainly one of the most beautiful. It loads itself with such quantities of exquisite flowers that the foliage is almost completely hidden. 15c. each; 3 for 40c; fine large plants, 30c. each.

Carneum—A very free-flowering and exceedingly beautiful variety. Flowers single, pure white with deep pink lines in the throat, producing the most exquisite effect imaginable. 20c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—We will send one each of these four fine *Oleanders* (amounting to 75c.) to any address for only 65c.

Trifoliate Orange.

A beautiful Japanese Orange (*Citrus Trifoliata*) which has proved perfectly hardy—without any protection—at least as far north as Philadelphia. A grand tub plant for all points farther north. It differs from other *Oranges* in having trifoliate or clover-shaped leaves, larger flowers which are produced in the greatest



shrubs on account of their elegant foliage and brilliant flowers. They make magnificent window plants, the first two species described combining the beauty of *Mimosa* leaves with gorgeous flowers, and blooming continually upon the new growths; the third species is grown as a pot plant for its magnificent foliage.

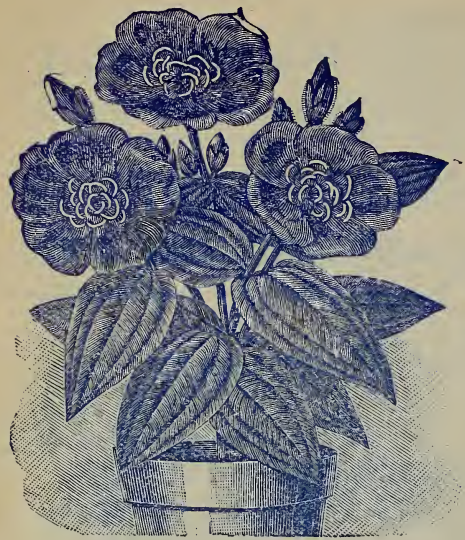
Poinciana Pulcherrima—A beautiful shrub with finely pinnated *Mimosa*-like leaves. The new growths completely covered all the time with delicate orange and red flowers, the stamens and pistils very long and curving upward, giving the flower a most curious appearance. A perfect blaze of glory when in bloom. Easily grown and begins blooming when only a foot tall. 15c. each.

Poinciana Pulcherrima, var. Flava—This variety seems to be practically unknown outside of the West Indies and South Florida. Flowers bright clear yellow. A fine companion for the orange and red. Price 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

Poinciana Regia—The *Royal Poinciana*, or *Flamboyante* of Madagascar and the West Indies. One of the most beautiful trees known, having immense compound leaves of a very dark, rich green, giving a striking tropical effect. As a pot plant it is as effective as any of the finest *Palms*, and growing among other pot plants will lend a tropical effect hard to obtain with any other plant. It is just as easy to grow as a *Geranium*, and all who purchase it may rest assured that they have a plant as rare as it is beautiful. Fine plants, only 15c. each.



POINCIANA PULCHERRIMA.



PLEROMA SPLENDENS.

Pleroma Splendens.

Rare and exceedingly beautiful, and flowers almost the year around. Leaves feel and look as if cut out of lovely green velvet; flowers larger than a silver dollar and of a rich, deep, royal purple—a shade almost unknown among flowers. Begins to bloom while very small. Nice plants, 20c. each.

Plumbago.

The *Plumbagoes* will bloom constantly for months in succession, and then again after a good cutting back and a brief rest.

Capensis—A most delicate and quite indescribable shade of light blue rarely found in any other flower. Exquisite. 15c. each.

Capensis Alba—Flowers cream-white. Otherwise exactly like *Capensis*. Very choice and beautiful. 15c. each.

Larpenæ (Lady Larpen)—A perfectly hardy sort of low, herbaceous growth, springing up from the roots each spring. Makes a splendid border plant. Flowers deepest, darkest blue. Succeeds everywhere, North or South. 15c. each.

Sanguinea—A winter-blooming sort, producing large spikes of rosy carmine blooms, which last a long time. 15c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—We will send one plant of each sort of *Plumbago*, amounting at catalogue prices to 60c., for only 50c.



RHODODENDRON MAXIMUM.

✓ Parkinsonia Aculeata.

The *Jerusalem Thorn*. Known in Texas and Mexico as *Retana*. A highly ornamental evergreen shrub of great beauty. Has extremely curious leaves and beautiful, showy yellow crimped flowers, with a sweet, woody odor, which are disposed in short, loose, axillary racemes. Perfectly hardy as far north as Beaufort, S. C., where it forms a tree 25 feet high. Plants, 15c. each.

✓ Rhododendron Maximum.

(Rose Bay or Great Laurel.)

A superb hardy shrub or low tree, growing from 10 to 30 feet in height, having dark green, thick, glossy evergreen leaves from 4 to 10 inches long, the finest of all the species. Its large white blossoms, with a shade of pink and a spot of yellow or light red, appear profusely in large trusses in July, the latest of all the *Rhododendrons*—a quality which adds greatly to its value as an ornamental. If it never flowered it would still be well worth planting on account of its lovely waxy foliage, which is beautiful the year round, but in winter is particularly cheerful. Without doubt the noblest of all our native shrubs, and absolutely hardy in Maine and Vermont. 20c. each.



TECOMA CAPENSIS.

Ruellia Formosa.

Flowers very rich scarlet, *Salvia*-like but larger, borne in great profusion and continuously. Fine for pots or bedding. 15c. each.

Ruellia Tuberosa—Of very bushy dwarf growth and covers itself with beautiful *Bignonia*-like flowers which are of the same lovely shade of blue as the *Cornflower*. Bedded out in summer it will flower from July on till Christmas if potted before frost. 20c.

Ruellia (Goldfussia) Anisophylla—Forms a very symmetrical bush about 18 inches high, covered in late fall and winter with hundreds of lavender-blue thimble-shaped flowers. 15c. each.

✓ Rhapsiolepis Ovata.

(East Indian Hawthorn.)

Well worthy a place in the window on account of its very dark green, ovate or almost round, leathery leaves which stand heat, cold, dust and gas with impunity. It belongs to the same family as the *Hawthorn*, and produces in profusion terminal panicles of *Hawthorn*-like flowers, varying from pure white to various shades of pink, sweet scented and followed by black berries about the size of peas. Perfectly hardy at Washington, D. C. Fine large plants, 25c. each.

✓ Solanum Rantonetti.

The *True Blue Solanum*. This is a shrubby sort which bears flowers of the very deepest and clearest blue, which is brought out more vividly by a yellow center. It forms a neat little bush about 2 feet high, which is covered with bloom during the entire summer and almost until Christmas. As easy to grow and flower as a *Geranium*, either in pots or in the garden. Price, 15c. each.

Salvias.

Purpurea—A very fine sort with flowers of a rich, royal purple color, and borne in large, graceful spikes. A fine and very large sort, which everybody should grow. 10c. each.

Splendens—The well-known scarlet variety which makes such a dazzling show bedded out. Fine for bordering beds. 10c. each.

Thunbergia Erecta.

A beautiful shrubby species introduced from West Africa, and one of the most handsome of all the *Thunbergia*. When cultivated in pots it assumes a dwarf compact habit, and is covered almost throughout the year with large tubular flowers which are a very rich bright purple in color, with an orange-yellow throat. It is especially fine for winter forcing as its exquisite flowers can be obtained then in great abundance. Catalogued at the North at 75c. each. Our price of nice plants only 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

Tabernæmontana

Coronaria, Fl. Pl.

(Adam's Apple, East India Rose Bay.)

It forms a neat, shrubby plant—somewhat like a *Cape Jessamine*—and for months at a time is completely covered with the most beautiful double, wax-white flowers, with elegantly crimped petals, fragrant at night. One of the very choice things that can be procured from but few sources. Fine plants, 25c. each; larger, 50c. each.

Tecoma.

Tecoma Capensis—A close relative of the *Trumpet Creeper*, but smaller and more delicate in stems, leaves and flowers. The latter are tubular, orange and scarlet, and borne in dense racemes on the ends of the branches. The leaves are pinnate and of a dark, shining green, contrasting finely with the glowing heads of flowers. The plant may be trained as a climber by furnishing it with support, or as a shrub by cutting it back occasionally, when it will assume the form shown in the cut on opposite page. Treated in this way it makes an elegant pot shrub, beginning to flower while in 2½-inch pots and the plant very small, and its period of blooming is very prolonged. In fact, it is almost a perpetual bloomer. 20c. each; larger, very fine, 30c. each.

Tecoma Stans—Known as *Yellow Elder* and *Yellow Bignonia*. A magnificent shrub, which, in the winter, is a "glory of golden yellow flowers," which are large, tube-shaped, and completely cover the plant, often weighing the branches to the ground. Something entirely new for a pot or tub plant at the North, and sure to become a great favorite. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; larger, 30c. each.



TEA PLANT.

True Tea Plant.

(*Camellia Thea*.)

This is the true *Chinese Tea Plant* which makes a beautiful little evergreen pot shrub, covered with lovely single white flowers, each with a profusion of golden-tipped stamens. It is truly beautiful as well as novel, and of the easiest cultivation. It is perfectly hardy throughout the Gulf States, where it makes fine hedges and good tea may be prepared from its leaves. 20c. each; larger, 30c. each.

Tomato Tree.

(*Solanum Betaceum*.)

A fine ornamental tub or pot shrub from South America, where it attains a height of 12 to 14 feet, with tropical-looking leaves and delicious fruit, which hangs in pendant clusters below the foliage, is the size of a large egg and of a beautiful orange-salmon color when ripe. It has a delightful sub-acid taste, slightly resembling the *Tomato*, and is delicious raw, served with sugar and cream, and for jelly or jam it is very fine. It will keep for weeks, as it does not bruise, on account of its very tough skin and the solid nature of the fruit covering the seeds. Nice seedling plants, 15c. each.



TABERNÆMONTANA CORONARIA, FL. PL.

Yucca Aloifolia.

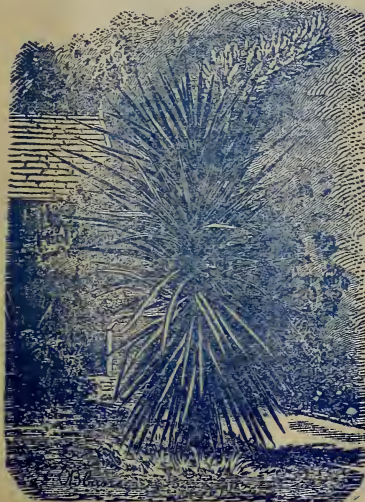
(The Spanish Dagger.)

One of the most imposing and tropical-appearing plants with which we are acquainted, and it will stand any amount of neglect, except too severe freezing; but it is hardy as far north as South Carolina. It is always ornamental from its smallest size until it becomes an imposing specimen. Leaves very dark green, stiff and pointed, forming a fine head. Begins blooming when quite small, producing an immense head of creamy, bell-shaped flowers. As a decorative plant it cannot be surpassed, being fully as desirable as the finest *Palms* and even more striking in appearance. Fine mailing plants, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; larger and very fine, 40c. each.

Yucca Gloriosa—Makes a trunk 2 to 4 feet high, crowned with a head of magnificent tropical-looking foliage, from the midst of which shoots up in late fall an immense pyramidal panicle of white, bell-like flowers, lasting for 3 weeks or more. 20c. each.



THUNBERGIA ERECTA.



SPANISH DAGGER.



TECOMA STANS.

Some Choice Climbing Plants.



ARISTOLOCHIA CYMBIFERA.

Allamanda Hendersonii—A superb plant which may be trained either as a climber or a shrub. Covers itself completely with immense tubular flowers 5 inches in diameter, rich velvety yellow, with fine white spots at the throat, which is delicately marked with reddish-brown; the lobes thick and waxy, tinged with brown on the outer surface. Magnificent. Fine plants, 20c. each.

Allamandas.

Allamanda Williamsii—Entirely distinct from all others and may also be grown in bush form, with trusses of bloom at every point. Flowers thick and waxy, of a very rich yet delicate tint of golden yellow, and deliciously scented. Begins blooming while very small. Nice plants, 15c. each.

Allamanda Neriifolia—See page 22.

Aristolochias.

Aristolochia Elegans—A magnificent Brazilian climber of neat habit and rapid growth. Elegant cup-shaped flowers of a rich dark purple, ornamented throughout with irregular branched markings of creamy white, and having a golden-yellow eye surrounded by rich velvety purple. Entirely distinct from the other two sorts offered. Price, 15c. each.

Aristolochia Cymbifera (Boat Flower)—Flower shaped something like a Venetian gondola—as shown by the cut—8 inches long, in color light-green and creamy-white, beautifully veined with brown and dark purple, the throat velvety black. It is a most remarkable flower and attracts great attention when in bloom. Strong plants, only 15c. each.

Aristolochia Ornithocephala (Bird Flower)—Flower 4 inches long, and of a truly wonderful appearance. It may be described as having the head of a hawk with the beak of a heron, giving it a singular bird-like appearance that will delight anyone with a taste for the odd and curious. In color the flowers are reddish-purple, veined and marbled with gray and brown. The plant is a rapid grower and flowers freely. Fine strong plants, only 15c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—The 3 sorts, amounting to 45c., for only 40c.

Climbing Asparagus.

Asparagus Plumosus Nanus—Leaves or plumes very dark green, as finely woven as the finest silken mesh, and flat in form like a Fern-frond, yet it is a sturdy, dust and gas-proof plant which will flourish in any apartment. If kept in a starved state it will assume a dwarf form 6 to 12 inches high, but give it rich soil and root room and it will climb as freely as *Smilax*. Nice plants, 15c. each; larger and very fine, 30c. each.

Asparagus Tenuissimus—Imagine the common vegetable *Asparagus* transformed into a delicate climber, but with far finer and more filmy foliage, transforming everything it touches with the most airy and delicate greenery imaginable. Trained over windows or white curtains the effect is bewitching. Fine plants, 15c. each. For *Asparagus Sprengeri* see page 8.

Bignonias or Trumpet Vines.

Bignonia Alba—Flowers tube-shaped, pure white with yellow throat. Not hardy North. Rare. 20c. each.

Bignonia Capreolata—Flowers tubular, orange-red and very handsome. Beautiful evergreen vine, hardy as far north as Philadelphia. A fine trellis plant. 10c. each.

Bignonia Chamberlaynii—Flowers funnel-shaped, golden yellow, produced from April to October in racemes of from 6 to 8. Hardy in the lower South. 10c. each.



CLERODENDRON BALFOURI.



ASPARAGUS PLUMOSUS NANUS.

Clematis.

Clematis Coccinea—Flowers bell-shaped, intense rosy scarlet; very fine. 20c.
Clematis Crispa—Also bell-shaped, fine deep blue, with a white border, and deliciously fragrant. Both sorts are perfectly hardy. 20c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—The 2 sorts sent postpaid to any address for only 35c.

Climbing Clerodendrons.

Clerodendron Balfourii—May be grown as a climber or trimmed into bush-form. The flowers are bright scarlet, each encased by a bag-like calyx of pure white, presenting a most beautiful and striking contrast; the panicles of flowers upwards of 6 inches in width. If given a light rich soil, and shifted from smaller into larger pots as needed, it will bloom continually during the entire year. Fine, thrifty plants, 15c. each.

Clerodendron Thomsonae—This possesses all the good points of the above sort, and in fact it is the parent of *Balfourii*. Its flowers are bright crimson, disposed in large panicles, the calyces pure white, and it is a constant and untiring bloomer without any coddling or petting. It is a great favorite in Europe on account of its free blooming and its brilliant coloring. 15c. each.



YELLOW JESSAMINE.

Madeira Vine.

An old but elegant climbing tuberous-rooted plant, fine for either pot or open ground culture. A rapid grower in any soil and produces a profusion of feathery, yellowish-white, deliciously fragrant flowers. The tubers may be wintered dry, like potatoes. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.

Manettia Bicolor.

Blooms almost, if not quite, every day in the year, though the season of its greatest profusion of blooming is during all the winter months. Begins to bloom while only 2 or 3 inches high, plants in thumb-pots usually bearing 3 or 4 large, perfect flowers and numerous buds. The flowers, which are 1½ to 2 inches long, are of the most intense fiery scarlet, except the tip ends, which are a bright, clear yellow. They are covered with a moss or hairy substance, exactly like the nap or plush on velvet cloth, which gives them an odd and exceedingly beautiful appearance. An exquisite trellis plant for either outdoor or window. Price, 15c. each.

Malayan Jessamine.

(*Rhynchospermum Jasminoides*.)

A most beautiful climbing plant with glossy evergreen foliage, and producing in great profusion the most delicate, sweet-scented *Jasmine*-like flowers of the purest white. A well-grown plant will be as completely smothered with flowers as our cut indicates. It blooms when very small, and we have seen cuttings only 2 or 3 inches long in thumb-pots, bearing clusters of perfect flowers. The flowers are of a peculiar rotate form, something like a wheel, and several are borne together in a loose, graceful cyme. In the Southern States, from Florida to Louisiana, it is perfectly hardy. It is absolutely without fault as an ornamental flowering climber, having no insect enemies, and requiring no coddling whatever, being a abundantly able to cope with conditions which would kill outright many vines. As a pot plant it may be grown in the form of a low, spreading, oval shrub by occasionally pinching off the ends of the shoots. Its most profuse season of flowering is during April, May and June. Fine strong vines, 15c. each.

Carolina or Yellow Jessamine.

The far-famed *Yellow Jessamine* (*Gelsemium Sempervirens*) of the South. Covers itself completely with beautiful golden yellow, exquisitely sweet-scented, funnel-shaped flowers. With slight protection it has proved perfectly hardy as far north as Philadelphia. A fine trellis plant for the window. Fine pot-grown plants, 15c. each.

Honeysuckles.

✓ **Golden-leaved**—Leaves small and so netted and veined with yellow as to give this hue the predominance. 15c. each.

✓ **Halliana**—Evergreen and blooms almost continually from June until frost. 15c. each.
✓ **Red Coral**—Blooms almost constantly, flowers beautiful coral-red outside and yellow within, long and tube-shaped, borne in large clusters, and drooping like a *Fuchsia* flower. 15c. each.

Ipomœas (Moonflowers).

Blue Dawn Flower (*Ipomœa Learii*)—Grows about 25 feet in one season; flowers trumpet-shaped, about 4 inches across, of a rich velvet blue, with purple rays. Exquisitely beautiful. 15c. each.

Blushing Beauty Moonflower (*I. Michauxii*)—Flowers the most exquisite shade of blush, shading off into deep purple in the throat, and opening just before sunset. Winter tubers in soil. 15c. each.

Hardy Tuberous-rooted (*I. Pandurata*)—Perfectly hardy everywhere. Flowers bell-shaped, 3 to 6 inches across, pure satiny white, with a pinkish-purple throat. Very fine. Flowering tubers, 10c. each; 6 for 50c. Extra large, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for \$1.10.

Mortonii—Delicate and graceful in appearance, leaves waxy and deeply serrated, flowers pinkish-lilac. Rare. 15c. each.

Noon Glory (*I. Sinuata*)—Vines slender and exceedingly graceful, covered their entire length with leaves much like a *Rose Geranium* leaf and exquisite as lace-work. Flowers small and bell-shaped, pure white with a purple throat, opening in the forenoon and remaining open all day. An elegant trellis plant. 15c. each.

New Hybrid—An improved form of the *Moonflower* or *Evening Glory* of the tropics. Begins to bloom from 30 to 45 days earlier, flowers 5 to 7 inches across and produced in great profusion. Fine plants, 15c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—These 6 *Ipomœas* amount to 85c. at catalogue price. For only 65c. we will send one of each.



MADEIRA VINE.

Lophospermum.

Scandens—A handsome and rapid-growing climbing plant with heart-shaped leaves and rose-colored, *Gloxinia*-like flowers. Of easiest growth and fine for training over a veranda or window, or for large vases or boxes on the lawn. Nice plants only 10c. each.

Marine Ivy.

Cissus Incisa—The *Yerba del Buey* of the Spaniards. Leaves compound (3 leaflets), thick, waxy, shining and most beautiful. A very rapid grower with slender and peculiar warty stems, sending down long air-roots. 10c. each.



MALAYAN JESSAMINE.



AN IPOMŒA-COVERED PORCH.

Passiflora or Passion Flower.

Edulis—The *Granadilla*, one of the very best of the edible *Passion* vines, and one of the most ornamental of all the genus. The vine is quick-growing, handsome, shining evergreen, lobed leaves. The petals of the flowers are white, the crown whitish with a blue or violet base, a beautiful combination. Fruit as large as an egg, and purple outside when ripe; the flesh is yellow and has an orange flavor that is delicious to the taste. 15c. each.

Incarnata—(May Pop or May Apple)—This beautiful *Passion Flower* bears a profusion of lovely purple and white blossoms, followed by orange-colored fruits as large as an egg or an apple, and filled with a delicious yellow pulp. The roots are perfectly hardy in the latitude of New York if protected, or they may be wintered in the cellar. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Quadrangularis Variegata—A beautifully variegated form of the *Large Granadilla* of South America. Its stems are four-sided (quadrangular) and its large leaves, the size of one's hand, are bright green covered with exquisite white and gold variegations. Produces beautiful white and purple flowers which are highly odorous, followed by large and delicious greenish-yellow fruits 6 inches in diameter and 14 to 16 inches long. A rare plant. 15c. each.

Pereskia Aculeata.

(Lemon Vine, or Barbadoes Gooseberry.)

A climbing *Cactus* with true leaves, much like *Lemon* leaves, but more fleshy, with stout spines at the base of each leaf. Bears in the greatest profusion the most exquisite single white flowers, resembling white *Roses*, and of almost overpowering fragrance. These are followed by edible fruits about the size of a gooseberry. No one would ever mistrust from its looks that it belongs to the great *Cactus* family. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; larger plants, 25c. each.

Cherokee Rose.

Of the greatest value for hedge-making throughout the South. Will grow in the poorest soil, the canes often attaining the length of 10 or 12 feet in one season, and are beset with numerous large spines or prickles. The leaves are in threes, smooth and glossy, shining as though varnished, and the large, single, snowy white flowers measure about 3 inches across, with a heart of fluffy golden stamens. Lovely for training over verandas, windows, etc., and ornamental at all times. Reliably hardy as far north as Washington at least. Nice plants, 15c. each.



VARIEGATED-LEAVED
PASSIFLORA.

Solanums.

Azureum—(Blue Solanum)—Foliage deeply and beautifully cut, flowers fragrant and lovely, star-shaped, of the richest and most delicate blue, with bright, golden stamens, produced in large clusters like great bunches of *Wistaria* flowers, and followed by bright red berries as large as marbles, that remain on the plant for weeks. Almost always in bloom. 15c. each.

Jasminoides Grandiflora—May be grown as a beautiful climbing vine, or in bush-form if kept pinched back. Completely covers itself with very large clusters of star-shaped flowers, pure white with a violet tinge on the back. Begins blooming while very small and is constantly in flower. 15c. each.

Wendlandii—A glorious summer vine. Flowers in immense cymes or heads 8 inches to a foot in diameter, containing from 25 to 40 flowers, each individual flower from 1½ to 2 inches in diameter, dark-blue when first opening, changing to lilac. Buds open in succession, so each head lasts perfect for a month or more. The hotter the situation given it in summer the finer display it will make. In fall cut back severely and winter dormant. 15c. each.



SOLANUM WENDLANDII.

Two Magnificent Thunbergias.

Fragrans—The annual climbing *Thunbergias* are well known to most flower lovers, but this magnificent perennial species is known to but very few. It is of a slender, graceful climbing habit—much like the annual sorts—with deep green waxy leaves which are cordate or hastate at the base, giving them a very distinct appearance. But its crowning feature is its flowers. Each one is as large as a silver dollar, of the purest waxy whiteness, with a delicate lemon-yellow spot in the center or throat. The plants begin to flower while quite small and continue almost incessantly. It is equally valuable for open ground or pot culture, and after growing all summer it may be cut back and potted for the window in winter. Fine plants, 15c. each.



THUNBERGIA FRAGRANS.

Laurifolia (Harrisii)—An East Indian winter-blooming climber of easiest culture and most lavish in the production of its flowers, which are borne in good-sized clusters, are tubular in form, 2 inches in length, of a bright porcelain-blue with a yellow throat. They are large and exceedingly showy in conjunction with the deep green, waxy, *Laurel*-like leaves of the vine and are produced in the greatest profusion from November to May. After through blooming the vine should be well cut back and regulated. An extremely choice and rare plant. Price, 20c. each.



PERESKIA ACULEATA.

Trumpet Creeper or Tecoma Radicans.

Too well known to require description. Prized for its perfect hardiness everywhere, and its great panicles of lovely, bright orange, tubular flowers, of a thick, waxy texture. May be grown as a beautiful weeping shrub by planting at the foot of a stout stake, and as soon as it has run a few inches above the top, pinching it off, causing it to form a dense, bushy head. The side shoots from the ground up must also be kept off and attention paid to the head to see that it is well formed. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.25.

Tecoma Mackenii—A magnificent species from South Africa. It has opposite, pinnate leaves, and bears in profusion racemes 2 to 3 feet in length of large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, fully three inches long and wide, in color an old-rose pink, or bright rosy lilac, with a few darker pencilings and a blotch of yellow in the throat. It is an extremely showy climber and a glorious picture when in flower. Hardy South, and succeeds admirably North when planted out during summer, and lifted in the fall. 15c. each.

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BANANAS— HART'S CHOICE.

CAVENDISH.

ORINOCO.

Bananas.

Very few know that these plants can be grown in the North as successfully as either *Cannas* or *Corn*. Such, however, is the case, and there exists no good reason why everyone should not possess his own *Banana* "tree" and annually enjoy its magnificent growth. They make grand decorative plants when grown in large pots, kegs or tubs of rich soil, and they are particularly valuable for open ground culture in the centers of beds of foliage plants, moist situations, etc. The cut gives some idea of the splendid form these plants assume. An Illinois gentleman tells in the following words how easily they are grown in the open ground: "Last May I set out a very small plant of *Hart's Choice* variety, not over 15 inches high, in an entirely unprotected situation. By fall it was 7 feet high and had leaves 6 feet long and 18 inches broad; the stalk measured over 26 inches in circumference at the ground." But this record has been greatly outdone at the North where small plants of the *Orinoco Banana*, set out in May, have attained a height of 18 feet by the first of October, with enormous leaves 10 feet long and 2 feet wide. Of course these plants were set in very rich soil and given an abundance of water and liquid manure. In planting, dig a good sized hole, 18 inches or more deep, fill with rich soil and plenty of well decayed manure (they thrive wonderfully in muck soil), set the plants in this, and keep well watered during the summer, and they will make an astonishing growth. Just before frost, cut all the leaves off (but do not cut the stalk) dig them up and place the roots in a box of earth, and keep them quite

dry (to prevent growth) and they will winter as easily as a *Canna* or *Dahlia*. If you want to see the grandest plant that ever grew, plant a *Banana*; and if you wish to "astonish the natives," remember that you cannot make the soil too rich for it nor give it too much water. If you faithfully attend to these two points, you will say, in the fall, that it has paid. If possible, set the plants in some sheltered position—the hotter the better—where the wind cannot strike them to whip and tear the magnificent great leaves.

Dwarf or Cavendish Banana (*Musa Cavendishii*)—An extra fine sort; dwarf, but very strong and robust, attaining a height of only 6 or 8 feet. The magnificent leaves look as though sprinkled with blood. Yield of fruit enormous, sometimes as many as 200 or 300 in a bunch. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; larger, by express, 25c. each; 3 for 65c.

Orinoco Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*, var. *sapientum*)—A grand sort for bedding out; grows very large, producing a magnificent effect. Very hardy and should be grown everywhere as an ornamental plant. Price 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; larger, by express, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Hart's Choice (*Musa Orientum*)—Of medium height, stalk and midrib tinged with red. Bears early and is very hardy for a *Banana*. Fruit unsurpassed in flavor. Price, 25c. each; 3 for 70c.; larger, by express, 30c. each; 3 for 80c. The three sorts would make a magnificent clump in any yard.

SPECIAL OFFER—We will send postpaid, one tuber of each of the above three varieties of Bananas, amounting to 75c. for 25c.